

Wellington MS Society (WMS) COVID-19 Health & Safety Guidelines

Life at Orange

At Orange, we still need to protect our vulnerable communities. Wellington MS has adopted the following procedures to safeguard our clients and staff.

Face masks

WMS staff will wear face masks at client visits and group gatherings; other attendees do not need to wear face masks, but it is encouraged.

WMS and guest speakers do not need to wear a face mask when performing (like dancing?? LOL) or speaking. They should wear face masks when not performing or speaking.

Social distancing

There are no limits to the size of gatherings, but we encourage physical distancing (of at least 2 metres) where possible and practical.

Vaccination

All WMS staff have been fully vaccinated. We do not ask the vaccination status of our clients. WMS Community Advisors have ensured that all our clients have received appropriate information on COVID 19 vaccination and how to access it.

General measures to reduce the risk of exposure

For safety, our staff may conduct a health screen with a client prior to any face-to-face encounter and:

- defer the visit if the client has clinical symptoms or they are COVID-19 positive
- determine if a virtual appointment is possible or delay the visit until the client is no longer infectious,
- practice physical distancing and minimise the length of the interaction
- encourage the client and any other person who needs to be in the room to wear a mask if possible
- if home visiting (and if possible), improve ventilation during the visit by opening windows or turning on mechanical ventilation