

AMT Biosecurity Planning Committee

Terms of Reference

As approved by the Board on 18 April 2020

Purpose

The purpose of the Biosecurity Planning Committee is to create a Biosecurity Plan, including strategy and policies, to guide a return to hands-on practice for massage therapists in response to COVID19.

Composition

The Biosecurity Planning Committee shall consist of:

- a Chairperson from the AMT Board of Directors, to be elected by the Committee.
- up to 2 additional Board members.
- at least 6 AMT members.
- an expert from the community, such as an epidemiologist or virologist, if possible.

At least fifty percent plus one of members of the Biosecurity Planning Committee shall constitute a quorum. Business may be conducted via teleconference and videoconference, at face-to-face meetings or electronically via email.

Frequency of Meetings

The Biosecurity Planning Committee will meet via teleconference, videoconference or electronically as needed or as directed by the Board.

Duties/Responsibilities

1. To monitor national and international data on COVID19.
2. To monitor the emerging body of evidence around the transmission vectors for COVID19, and precautionary measures taken to control the spread.
3. To monitor national and state measures within Australia to control COVID19 infections, including social distancing, sentinel testing and contact tracing.
4. To develop infection control and hygiene protocols and policies that minimise the transmission of COVID19 in the massage therapy clinical context.
5. To develop client screening procedures and policies that minimise the risk of harm to vulnerable communities arising from asymptomatic transmission of COVID19.
6. To develop an overarching framework to guide a return to practice.