

## Big Red Kidney Bus COVID Safe Declaration

Kidney Health Australia is excited to welcome you to our Big Red Kidney Bus.

To ensure that this service operates in line with COVID Safe protocols according to National and State Government Department of Health directives, and those of our clinical partners, Monash Health Royal North Shore Hospital, and Gold Coast Hospital we have prepared a COVID Safe Plan and accompanying protocols that we ask our bus users to agree to. This is to ensure the safety of all users, nursing staff and KHA staff operating and using the Bus service.

### Kidney Health Australia, Monash Health, Royal North Shore Hospital, and Gold Coast Hospital will:

- Review and update the BRKB COVID Safe Plan periodically to ensure it aligns with any national or state government health directives in relation to COVID-19
- Advise any patients, contractors, KHA staff members, volunteers, nurses and technicians of the minimum COVID-19 safety requirements for using and delivering the bus service
- Advise any patients, carers, donors, family members, visitors, contractors, KHA staff members, volunteers, nurses and technicians should anyone test positive to COVID-19
- Ensure nursing staff will wear the clinically appropriate PPE (as prescribed by their state Health Department or hospital prevention procedures)

### Big Red Kidney Bus users, nursing staff and visitors will:

We ask that our Big Red Kidney Bus visitors (including patients, carers, donors, and family members) agree to the following protocols:

PROTOCOLS	ACTION REQUIRED
1. Minimise risk prior to using the bus service – screening checks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We recommend patients are vaccinated in line with state health directives</li> <li>• KHA staff/contractors (including bus drivers), nursing staff and technicians must be vaccinated in line with the state health directives</li> <li>• All patients dialysing on the Bus at Victorian locations are required to take a RAT prior to their first treatment and if displaying symptoms of COVID-19. If the test is positive, patients will be required to return home if well enough to do so. If the patient is unwell and unable to travel, then they will dialyse at a local unit until they are able to return home.</li> <li>• Patients may need to return home if they develop cold/ flu symptoms</li> </ul>
2. Ensure physical distancing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow physical distancing protocols as per state health directives</li> </ul>
3. Wear a face covering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nursing staff will wear the clinically appropriate PPE when (as directed by their state Health Department or hospital prevention protocols when providing direct patient.</li> <li>• KHA staff/contractors, nursing staff, patients and visitors are required to wear appropriate masks while on the Bus at Victorian locations; a clean face mask will be supplied on entry at the screening point; a further clean face mask will be supplied after patients have finished their morning/afternoon tea</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KHA staff/contractors, nursing staff, patients and visitors are not to wear their own/personal face masks on the BRKB; appropriate masks will be supplied by nursing staff</li> </ul>
4. Practice good hygiene and avoid interactions in enclosed spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Infection prevention and cleaning processes for the BRKB Patient and Staff areas will be completed and appropriate cleaning logs maintained (as per hospital prevention protocols)</li> <li>• Hand sanitiser will be supplied at the entry point of each Bus and must be applied by all patients, carers, donors, visitors or contractors when arriving and leaving the Bus</li> </ul>
5. Record keeping and getting tested	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any KHA staff/contractors, nursing staff or patients who are unwell or have any symptoms MUST NOT attend the Bus.</li> <li>• Any KHA staff/contractors, nursing staff or patients who are suspected to have or been exposed to COVID-19 site must not enter the Bus</li> <li>• If a Patient of the Bus tests positive to COVID-19 they will not be able to continue treatment on the Bus; if they are well enough, they may return to their home unit for treatment after contacting the appropriate service to inform them of the Patient's positive status. If the patient is unwell and unable to travel, then they will dialyse at a local unit until they are able to return home.</li> <li>• If any KHA staff/contractors, nursing staff or patient test positive for COVID-19 the appropriate terminal cleaning will be implemented within the Bus before any treatment sessions can continue.</li> </ul>

**Acknowledgements:**

To ensure staff and patient safety during the ongoing pandemic, I acknowledge that I will follow the stated protocols.

I acknowledge that my booking may be cancelled at any time because of Government or State health directives and that I may be refused entry onto the Bus as a result of the screening checks.