

Important Health Information about COVID-19 and the Ipswich Connected Vehicle Pilot

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Your health and safety as a participant are important to us and we continue to closely monitor the situation related to COVID-19.

While the research team believes that participation in the Ipswich Connected Vehicle Pilot (ICVP) does not increase risks related to COVID-19 relative to other everyday activities, it is suggested that those interested in being involved should consider their own health and personal circumstances before agreeing to participate.

Participants are advised *not* to come to the ICVP Briggs Road site and to contact the research team to reschedule their appointment if they are experiencing *any* of the following:

- Flu-like symptoms including fever, shortness of breath, and/or a dry cough,
- Bodily aches and pains, or
- Nasal congestion, runny nose, sore throat, or diarrhea.

Similarly, for the safety of all involved, please let us know if any of the following apply and we will reschedule your appointment:

- You are diagnosed with COVID-19, awaiting test results for COVID-19, or are subject to a self-quarantine notice, or
- You have had close contact with an individual who is confirmed to have COVID-19 or is awaiting results for a COVID-19 test.
- You have travelled internationally, interstate, or within Queensland from a recognised COVID-19 hotspot within the previous 14 days of coming to the Briggs Road Installation site.

Participants will be required to undergo a temperature check prior to entry onto the ICVP Briggs Road site. Those with a temperature of 37.5°C or greater will be asked to reschedule their appointment. Rescheduling would be on a 14 day interval.

The following procedures have been developed to maintain participant and staff safety and are based on official advice provided by Queensland Health, the Federal Department of Health, and the World Health Organization. These measures relate to the additional health and safety, cleaning, and social distancing requirements that will be implemented at the Briggs Road vehicle installation site, and include:

- Staff will *not* attend the Briggs Road site if they are experiencing *any* of the following:
 - Flu-like symptoms including fever (especially above 37.5 degrees), shortness of breath, and/or a dry cough,
 - Bodily aches and pains,
 - Nasal congestion, runny nose, sore throat or diarrhea.
- Staff will *not* attend the Briggs Road Site if they are diagnosed with COVID-19, are awaiting results of a test for COVID-19, are subject to a self-quarantine notice, or have had close contact with a confirmed a COVID-19 case or individual waiting for results of a COVID-19 test.

- Staff will *not* attend the Briggs Road Site if they have travelled internationally, interstate, or within Queensland from a recognised COVID-19 hotspot within the previous 14 days
- If any staff member is diagnosed with COVID-19 or has close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case, they will advise Queensland Health of their contacts with other staff members and/or participants to enable efficient and clear contact tracing to be conducted.
- A record of staff and participant attendance at the Briggs Road Site (including dates, times, staff member names, and participant name and contact details) will be kept securely to enable quick identification of contacts.
- All participant areas (e.g., desks, chairs, etc.) and research equipment (e.g., iPads, headphones, pens, etc.) including those handled by participants will be disinfected between participants. Participants can use their own smart devices to participate should they wish.
- Participants and/or staff members may use gloves and face masks if they wish.
- All participant management staff are required to wash and sanitise their hands before and after each participant; Equipment installer staff are required to wash and sanitise their hands before and after interacting with participants and/or vehicles.
- Participants are requested to use the provided hand sanitiser on arrival at the Briggs Road Site. Disinfectant wipes are available for participants if they wish to re-wipe desks and research equipment.
- Other communal spaces and touch points (door handles; tea/coffee table; lounges etc.) are regularly disinfected wiped and sprayed throughout the day. Single use items (e.g., tea/coffee) are provided to reduce cross handling.
- All staff will adhere to social distancing guidelines and maintain a distance of 1.5 metres from other staff and participants
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- Staff will refrain from shaking hands during greetings and avoid any unnecessary physical contact.
- Equipment installer staff may need limited closer contact when you pick up your vehicle after installation to ensure that the HMI is in a comfortable position for a participant. This will take approximately 5 minutes, in line with official guidelines that state that people should not be in 'close contact' for greater than 15mins, and not be 'confined in small spaces' for greater than 2 hours. Where possible, during this time, vehicle windows will be kept open to enable free-flow through of air
- Participant consent interviews, iPad/Tablet-based training, and questionnaires conducted on-site at Briggs Road will be completed in individual rooms to minimize contact between participants and other staff.
- All doors that can be will be left open (some doors must be closed to limit noise and ensure your privacy and confidentiality) to minimise the number of participants and staff touching the door handles. Where possible (and with participant comfort in mind) windows will be opened to allow additional air to circulate in rooms.
- The air conditioners will be turned on to enhance air flow in the rooms.

The measures described here are consistent with advice provided by Queensland Health, the Federal Department of Health, and the World Health Organization at 22nd May 2020. TMR and QUT will update the above procedures if directed, or as further advice is provided.