



SUPPORTING FOUNDER SUCCESS

www.startupvictoria.com.au



/StartupVictoria



@StartupVic



/company/startup-victoria

COVID-19 Policy

The following policy has been prepared to protect the health and safety of Startup Victoria staff and our community due to the recent and rapid escalation of the Coronavirus pandemic. We encourage others to take similar steps to reduce the spread of the virus.

Why we created this Policy

It is a challenging and confusing time for everyone. We encourage you to take care of your personal health as a priority. If we collectively protect our individual health, we can protect those who are most at risk from COVID-19 in our broader community. Whilst we are following this policy ourselves, we encourage you to use it as a starting point or template for your own policy.

General health and wellbeing

Take care of your health and protect others by doing the following:

- Wash your hands frequently - alcohol-based rub or soap and water.
- Maintain social distancing - at least 1 metre from anyone who is coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth.
- Practice respiratory hygiene - covering your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- If you have fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical care early.

[Here](#) is a helpful resource provided by [Beyondblue](#): tips to help you manage your mental health during the Coronavirus outbreak.

Overseas Travel

If you return from overseas travel, develop illness and symptoms or live in a household with someone who develops illness and symptoms, we encourage you to self-quarantine for a period of 14 days upon your return to Australia.

Working from home

The Startup Victoria team are working from home (WFH) for the foreseeable future, and all internal and external meetings are to be held via video conference. We encourage you to do the same wherever possible.

Startup Victoria Operations and Events

Many in-person community events and gatherings have been, or are in the process of being cancelled or postponed. Startup Victoria will continue to deliver our regular events and programs online, including:

- Founder Connect structured networking breakfasts
- Growth Club founder dinners and education events
- Pitch Night competitions

Our website, socials and newsletters will continue to share the latest happenings from across the ecosystem. Our team will continue supporting founder success through the development of new programs and the sharing of information resources to support startups at this time.

References

Visit the Australian Government health website [here](#) and the World Health Organisation website [here](#) for the latest advice, information and resources regarding the Coronavirus.

You can also call the National Coronavirus Health Information Line on 1800 020 080. It operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Future updates to this policy

We will continue to monitor the status of Coronavirus as the situation evolves and will update this policy as appropriate.

Thank you for your consideration. We will continue to work together during this time and if you have any questions, please [contact us](#).

**VIC
UP
START**