

AAP INFECTIOUS DISEASE RISK MITIGATION STRATEGY for 2025–26 Season

	Pre-departure Expeditioner Requirements	Pre-departure Risk Reduction Measures	Pre-departure PCR Screening Regime	Pre-departure Infectious Disease Case Management	Post-departure Screening and Prevention	Post-departure Infectious Disease Case Management
Purpose	Identify and reduce medical risk factors	Minimize risk of Infectious Disease entering AAP	Identification of Infectious Disease Cases	Isolation to prevent transmission Management depending on severity	Identification of Infectious cases to prevent community transmission and impact on operations	Isolation to prevent transmission Management depending on severity
Approach	<p>Medical screening of AAP Expeditioners</p> <p>Vaccination</p> <p>Strong Recommendation Covid-19 +Annual Seasonal Influenza + Pertussis</p> <p>Required for at risk groups/projects *</p>	<p>Self Protection measures for 10 days pre-departure</p> <p>Includes: N95 mask use when in shared indoor and outdoor spaces, Maintain safe behaviours and social distancing</p>	<p>Mandatory Health Declaration via SMS one day prior to departure</p> <p>Symptomatic Cases Respiratory Panel PCR Testing as required</p> <p>PMU Risk Assessment Case by Case</p>	<p>Isolation whilst symptomatic</p> <p>Mandatory N95 mask for infectious period</p> <p>Medical management depending on severity</p>	<p>Mandatory Asymptomatic PCR Respiratory Panel screening prior to Deep Field departure*</p> <p>Symptomatic PCR testing (Covid-19/Flu/RSV)</p> <p>Self Protection measures including N95 mask use when unable to socially distance</p>	<p>Isolation whilst symptomatic</p> <p>Mandatory N95 mask for infectious period</p> <p>Medical treatment depending on severity</p> <p>Activation of AAP Infectious Disease Response Protocol</p>

Further enhanced risk mitigation strategies may be employed throughout the pre-departure and deployment phases due to:

- Identification of critical roles or project groups – i.e. MYIC + Traverse team, Law Base, HIMI*
- Risk profile associated with the phase of the season (e.g. season opening/closure)
- Response to evolving Infectious Disease variants, outbreaks or exposures



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