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The Board and Management of RDA Australia expects RDA Centres will follow all relevant health directives from State and Federal authorities. Given the health vulnerabilities within our RDA community, we strongly encourage all Member Associations to keep abreast of updates as provided by the Chief Health Officer and other relevant state health authorities in each State/Territory.

#### **IMPACTS OF COVID-19 ON RDA INSURANCE POLICIES**

The RDA insurance policy for Personal Accident covers members for injury but not illness. Volunteers providing essential horse care while RDA Centres are in isolation continue to be covered for any injury that may occur at the RDA property or off-site agistment property but claims for illness will not be eligible. It is important that all government health warnings are followed and that RDA Centres can demonstrate their compliance to mandated requirements. Owners of private properties that are agisting or housing RDA horses off-site during isolation (or any other periods where RDA horses are spelled) will not be covered by RDA insurance policies (even if they are also RDA volunteers). This includes private property owners who are riding RDA horses, either on a voluntary or paid basis. Private property owners should have their own public liability insurance and be responsible for their own safety, injuries or accidents while working with horses on their own properties.

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