

## Hatching Chicks Risk Assessment 2024

### Infectious Human Pathogens - COVID et al

In order to reduce the risk of transferring human pathogens from one client to the next, all equipment is disinfected with at least a 1 week gap between use. If necessary we can deliver and pick up from any Centre, School or Home without entering the building as our instructions are all able to be viewed as videos. If required, staff will wear masks during any interactions with clients. Prior to delivery we will advise you of your delivery time by both SMS and link to instruction videos 1 week prior to your delivery. When delivering we will bring the kits to the front door. You will be emailed a reminder the day before your pick up is due and requested to leave all equipment outside the front door just prior to your pick up time.

### Electrical Safety

All electrical equipment is tested once every 12 months by Fempower Test and Tag in accordance with Australian Standards. Electrical cords and equipment are also visually checked weekly for damage. Equipment is replaced when showing signs of wear.

### Trip Hazards

Hatching Chicks staff are instructed to set up the incubator and brooder box in a secure area that can be easily supervised with no trip hazards from electrical cords.

### Hygiene and Infection Control

All chicken eggs are from healthy parent stock. Parent stock free range in a healthy outdoor environment and live in small flocks of approx about 20 - 30 birds. Nesting boxes are checked and cleaned daily to prevent eggs being soiled. All eggs are dipped in a scientifically proven, anti-bacterial, non-carcinogenic egg wash prior to incubating. All eggs are checked for fertility during the incubation stage and only viable embryos are delivered. Clients/Staff are notified about the importance of hand washing after handling chicks and equipment. Clients/ Staff are instructed to change the provided litter in the brooder box regularly, so it is more hygienic.

### Allergic Reactions

Prior to all bookings, all clients are notified about the risks associated with egg allergies and required to check if there are staff members or students with severe allergies to eggs. If so, appropriate enquiries are made and the program booking will be cancelled if there is a risk of any person with severe egg allergy coming into contact with the chicks or their surrounding environment.

### Support

McCallum Made Pty Ltd (the parent company of Hatching Chicks) has been involved in the poultry industry since 2010. We can be contacted by mobile phone for support 7 days a week.