

## Musica Viva Australia In Schools

### COVID Safe Plan

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**Program description:** Face to Face, group professional development sessions.

The safety of Musica Viva Australia In Schools (referred to as MVAIS) presenters, artists, participants and audience members is of paramount importance at all times. Careful planning and consideration has been given to how and when MVAIS staff and artists may conduct live performances in schools without the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

The MVAIS COVID Safe Plan focusses on ensuring the highest levels of hygiene practices and processes, as well as reducing the risk of transmission of COVID-19 for all involved with MVAIS programs.

#### For MVAIS presenters:

- MVAIS presenters to contact an MVA representative immediately, should they experience any COVID-19 or flu symptoms such as fever, coughing, a sore throat and shortness of breath and will not attend a school until symptoms are confirmed as not related to COVID-19 or medical clearance is obtained.
- MVAIS presenters will be made aware of state specific vaccination guidelines for school visitors (including Schools for Special Purposes).
- Presenters to undergo surveillance testing (using RAT) when presenting for Musica Viva in Schools.
- MVAIS presenters to use hand sanitizer provided or wash hands with soap when entering and exiting the venue.
- MVAIS presenters to wipe down all equipment between PD presentations with detergent and/or disinfectant as deemed appropriate for the equipment used, including any musical instruments.
- MVAIS presenters to carry a mask at all times and follow mask wearing and distancing requirements as outlined by any school they are visiting.

### **For venues including school sites:**

#### Public venue:

- The venue has implemented their State Government's recommendation on enhanced cleaning and hygiene practices.

#### School site:

- The school has implemented the Department of Education's enhanced cleaning and hygiene practices.
- Before entering the PD presentation space, a venue/school representative should remind the participants of any social distancing requirements they are obliged to follow to meet their WHS and Covid Safe regulations.
- For indoor presentations, air flow should be increased where possible by opening windows/doors.

### **Food and beverage service:**

- Where food and beverages are served, minimum handling should be observed. Individual food packages are strongly encouraged and beverages are to be served by the caterer (where a caterer is being used). All servers to clean and sanitise hands and surfaces before and after each service.
- Ensure that self-serve buffets are appropriately supervised by staff, particularly during busy periods.
- Ensure that hand sanitiser is available and used by patrons prior to using the self-serve buffet.
- Regularly replace any shared utensils with clean ones. This could be done at least every hour and more regularly during busy periods.
- Businesses should continue to avoid offering communal snacks.
- Equipment such as coffee and drink machines and soft serve machines should be wiped down on a regular basis, and more so during busy periods.
- Any communal condiments should be wiped down on a regular basis, and more so during busy periods.

*These guidelines are intended to comply with the Australian Government and World Health Organisation's advice on social distancing and hygiene, find out more [here](#). This plan will be reviewed regularly and adjusted in line with government and health authority advice.*