

Musica Viva In Schools

COVID Safe Plan 11 May 2022

Program description: Live In school & Live online chamber music performances for students K (F) – 8

The safety of MVIS artists, participants and other audience members is of paramount importance at all times and never more so than during this COVID-19 pandemic. Careful planning and consideration has been given to how and when MVIS staff and artists may conduct live performances in schools without the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

The MVIS COVID Safe Plan focusses on ensuring the highest levels of hygiene practices and processes, as well as ensuring sufficient distance and eliminating direct or indirect contact between artists and between artists and participants.

For In-School performances

For MVIS artists:

- MVIS artists 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.
- MVIS artists will be made aware of state specific vaccination guidelines for school visitors. Artists to undergo surveillance testing (using RAT) when performing for Musica Viva in Schools.
- MVIS artists to use hand sanitizer provided or wash hands with soap when entering and exiting the school venue.
- MVIS artists to avoid shaking hands with school staff, participants or other audience members.
- MVIS artists to wipe down all instruments and equipment between school visits with detergent and/or disinfectant as deemed appropriate for the instrument.
- MVIS artists to remain 1.5m away from each other, children, teachers and other audience members at all times.
- MVIS participants to adhere to Department of Education guidelines regarding social distancing.
- MVIS artists to carry a mask at all times and follow mask wearing requirements as outlined by the school they are visiting.
- In the case of using and/or sharing musical instruments, hand hygiene practices should be followed before and after use.
- MVIS artists to use multiple microphones to limit sharing.



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For Schools

- The school has implemented the Department of Education's enhanced cleaning and hygiene practices.
- The school representative will make sure that participants remain at least 1.5m from MVIS artists at all times.
- Where possible performances should be held in an undercover outside area.
- For indoor performances, air flow should be increased where possible by opening windows/doors and density limits should be observed.
- Where possible and scheduling allows, smaller performances could be arranged with MVA staff to allow for social distancing, such as two performances at the school with smaller audience numbers.
- Resources are being provided digitally so that there is no sharing of paper resources required.
- Before entering the performance space, a School representative should remind the participants of social distancing requirements and hygiene practices such as sneezing or coughing into elbow and cleaning hands.

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.