

Musica Viva In Schools Victoria

COVID Safe Plan as at 29 April 2021



Program description: In school chamber music performances for students K - 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 deliver live in-school and digital performances for schools without the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

The MVIS COVID Safe Plan considers Victorian Government guidelines for in-school activities as announced on 28 October 2020. This 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, between artists and participants, and amongst participants.

For in-school performances

For MVIS artists:

- MVIS artists must contact an MVA representative immediately if they are experiencing any COVID-19 or flu symptoms such as fever, coughing, a sore throat and shortness of breath and must not attend a school until symptoms are clarified as not related to COVID-19 or medical clearance is obtained.
- MVIS artists to use hand sanitiser provided or wash hands with soap when entering and exiting the school venue.
- All individuals aged 12 years and over must always carry a face mask, unless they have a lawful exemption.
- Face masks continue to be recommended for use by staff, visitors and secondary school students when physical distancing of 1.5 metres cannot be maintained.
- MVIS artists to avoid shaking hands with school staff, participants or other audience members.
- MVIS artists to ensure physical distancing by maintaining 1.5m away from all adults, teachers, students and other audience members at all times, and two square metres in staff areas, such as staff lunch areas, and areas accessed by the public, such as reception areas.
- The audience should be distanced as far as practical from brass and wind musicians.
- MVIS artists to wipe down all instruments and equipment between school visits with detergent and/or disinfectant as deemed appropriate for the instrument and adhere to appropriate collection and disposal of condensation and saliva.

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- In the case of using and /or sharing musical instruments, strict hand hygiene should be followed before and after use.
- MVIS artists to ensure that there are no interactive activities to the performance that involve contact between students, such as dancing, singing, chanting, voice projection, handling of instruments and other props.
- MVIS artists to use multiple microphones to limit sharing.

For Schools:

- The school will ensure it has implemented the Department of Education's enhanced cleaning and hygiene practices.
- The school representative will make sure that participants remains at least 1.5m from MVIS artists at all times.
- -The school will observe and implement the density limits which apply to an incursion with external guests and performers. *(the density limit of 1 person per 2 square metres should be applied to any spaces and activities being attended by parent/carers and other visitors. The density limit applies to all persons in the space, including students.)*
- 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.
- 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.

For digital performances

- Students **should** practise physical distancing where possible.
- MVIS artists to ensure that there are no interactive activities to the performance that involve contact between students, such as dancing, singing, chanting, voice projection, handling of instruments and other props.
- The school will ensure that students and other audience members are gathered safely in a suitable space on school grounds in accordance to health guidelines.

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](#)

These guidelines also consider the Victorian Government guidelines announced 30 March 2021, find out more [here](#)

This plan will be reviewed regularly and adjusted in line with government and health authority advice.