



Participant Guidelines NSSWE COVID-19 Safety Plan

NSSWE is a child safe organisation and we wish to ensure that all participants feel safe and supported in their musical endeavours. NSSWE is registered with the NSW Government as a COVID Safe Organisation.

NSSWE have implemented specific COVID-19 Participant Guidelines that are to be used in conjunction with the existing [NSSWE Participant Code of Conduct](#) and [NSSWE Participant Code of Conduct Junior Version](#).

The NSSWE COVID-19 Safety Plan is based on the recommendations of the NSW Departments of Health and Education and will be monitored closely for any changes. Staff, parents/carers and musicians will be notified by email or SMS of any changes that may be required as directed by relevant government agencies.

By participating in NSSWE you must agree to abide by the following:

- Staff and musicians are not to attend rehearsal if they are unwell. If you are experiencing flu or cold symptoms such as cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, fever or runny nose you will not be able to participate in rehearsal. Please fill out the online [Absence Form](#) so we know in advance not to expect you.
- All staff and musicians must have their attendance recorded on the day of their rehearsal
- All staff and musicians must complete the NSW Government's QR code as they enter the rehearsal venue via the NSW Service App that will need to be downloaded onto your Smartphone
- All NSSWE staff members are to be fully vaccinated unless they have an exemption
- All NSSWE students are highly encouraged to be vaccinated. Student's participation in organised events may be compromised if they are not fully vaccinated.
- An NSSWE Staff member must confirm that you have checked in by sighting the confirmation screen before every rehearsal. After rehearsal please remember to check out of the venue on your phone
- Parents/carers are not permitted to access any of rehearsal facilities. Please drop your musician off at the designated area outside the building
- All staff and musicians are to practice good hygiene when at the rehearsal venue:
 - Wash your hands or use hand sanitiser on arrival to rehearsal and at regular intervals
 - Cover your cough or sneeze either using a tissue or into your elbow and always wash your hands afterwards
 - Wear gloves if directed to when handling chairs, stands or musical equipment
- Maintain a physical distance from other people of 1.5 metres at all times including during break and using the bathroom
- Do not share your instrument or reeds
- Any equipment that is to be shared must be cleaned before and after each use.
- Percussionists need to bring their own labelled mallets (one pair of drum sticks, one pair of rubber mallets one pair of hard mallets, one pair of soft mallets and one pair of timpani mallets is recommended).



- Please bring a water bottle and a snack from home. No food or drink is to be shared
- All musicians who play an instrument with a spit valve are to be responsible for cleaning up any fluids with gloves, paper towel and disinfectant or please bring a cloth to tidy up.
- Players of non-reeded woodwind instruments (such as flutes and recorders) should maintain a physical distance of 3 metres from others in the direction of air flow, and 1.5 metres in all other directions.
- Players of all other instruments (including reeded woodwind instruments) should maintain a physical distance of 1.5 metres between each other and the audience/conductor
- All ensembles will have more frequent breaks to reduce the amount of time spent together in the rehearsal space
- All musicians are to bring their own music folder to every rehearsal

NSSWE staff reserve the right to remove any participant that does not comply with these safety measures and or demonstrates unsafe behaviour during rehearsal and will contact parents/carers immediately. This includes behaviour that has been reported by other participants, tutors or conductors.

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