

15 April 2021**Sydney Eisteddfod COVID-19 Response**

To our Sydney Eisteddfod Community.

There is no doubt that Covid has played and will continue to play an important part in our lives over the next year. However **THE SHOW MUST GO ON SAFELY!** We are committed to bringing our 2021 Festival to life, and we are committed to doing so in the safest, COVID free way possible.

Our number one focus this year is putting together a Festival that ensures that you, our entrants, supporters and community, feel safe at our events and venues. To do this we will be implementing a couple of extra procedures at our venues. These will all be familiar to you, as they have been implemented at restaurants, venues and schools all over NSW already. It is important to keep up with these processes to ensure we don't get complacent and can continue the great job NSW Health is doing to keep Covid cases low in our State.

Wellbeing of our community.

Our incredible event volunteers will be well trained in all our Covid procedures to ensure that the community at our venues feels safe.

We will ensure to have a Covid Safety volunteer scheduled at each venue, who will oversee all covid related procedures. This includes ensuring all hygiene and physical distancing requirements are adhered to and that every person checks in correctly to the venue. They will also be available to answer any questions or concerns you may have.

We will also need your help to keep each venue a Covid free environment. We ask that if you are feeling unwell to stay home and get tested. Even if you have the smallest symptoms, it is vital that you go and get tested and await a negative result before visiting our venues.

The symptoms of Covid are similar to other colds and flus and include:

- Fever
- Cough
- Sore Throat
- Difficulty of breathing
- Loss of taste or smell

Please check the NSW Health website (<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/clinics.aspx>) for your local testing centres if you are feeling unwell.

If you are unable to attend your scheduled event for this reason, please email frontdesk@sydneyeisteddfod.com.au and we will endeavor to get back to you within 2 business days with your options.

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We also recommend if you have access to getting the Covid vaccination, to have this before visiting our venues. We of course realize that this is not available to the whole community yet.

Physical Distancing

Where possible, we recommend adhering to the 1.5m physical distancing rule. We will be following the maximum capacity advised by each of our venues. These maximum numbers will be shown at the entrance to each venue and monitored by our COVID safety volunteer.

We ask for your help to avoid congestion at the entrance and exit of venues. When leaving venues, be sure not to remain near exits for longer than needed. Please give other people consideration and space when moving around the venue.

Hygiene and Cleaning.

It is important when visiting our events, to adopt good hand hygiene practices. We will have hand sanitizer available at key points around the venue and clean frequently used surfaces regularly.

Please use the hand sanitizer available to you.

Masks are not mandatory in our venues; however, you are welcome to wear them for further protection to yourself and the community.

Record Keeping

Record keeping is now mandatory from the NSW Government to ensure all hospitality venues are safe.

Sydney Eisteddfod will have their own QR code for checking in at all venues. Please ensure when you arrive to have your NSW Service App ready to check in. Some venues will also require a separate check in, so we appreciate your assistance in this process.

Parents will need to check in for all their dependent children at the venue.

By implementing these small changes at our venues, together we can ensure that our events stay COVID free and we can continue to let our passion for the arts flourish at our eisteddfod.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to email frontdesk@sydneyeisteddfod.com.au and we can assist.

Kind Regards,
Team Sydney Eisteddfod.