
Covid-19 guidelines for event organisers, performers and audiences – January 2022

We make every effort to create a safe and welcoming environment for our entire community. However, because the Academy is an educational institution, students' safety and ability to learn is our highest priority and we are asking everyone who visits our building to be mindful of the following:

- In line with Academy policy for staff and students, all visitors will be required to wear a face covering when moving around the building, including when watching a performance or concert, unless medically exempt.
- Performers are permitted to remove their face covering whilst on stage, however all other staff, volunteers, technicians, subcontractors, audience, or others involved in the event should wear their face covering at all times.
- Event organisers, staff, volunteers, technicians, subcontractors and performers are asked to take a Covid-19 lateral flow test no more than 24hrs before their event and not to visit the Academy unless they return a negative result.
- Anyone experiencing any Covid-19 symptoms should not travel to the Academy.
- All visitors should make every effort to maintain good hand hygiene and sanitising stations are available throughout the Academy site.
- Hands must be washed or sanitised prior to playing any Academy pianos or other instruments.
- Visitors are encouraged to maintain a two-metre distance from those not in their household wherever possible.

In addition to the above, the following protocols are in place for events which are open to the public or an invited audience:

- Audience members watching a performance or concert at the Academy are asked to arrive no more than 30 minutes before the scheduled start time.
- Audience members should be prepared to present one of the following, which will be subject to random checks upon arrival at the Academy:
 - Proof of two Covid-19 vaccinations, the second of which should be no less than 14 days before the date of the event.
 - A negative Covid-19 lateral flow test, taken no more than 24 hours before the start of the performance or concert.
 - A positive Covid-19 test result within 90 days of the performance or concert.

If your event is using the Academy box office service, these requirements will be communicated as part of the booking process and reconfirmed by email 24 hours before the performance.

If you are managing your own ticketing and/or guest registration, please ensure the that above information is clearly communicated to your audience and guests in advance of the event.

Please be aware that anyone unable to comply with the above requirements will not be able to enter the Academy site.