

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY – INFECTION CONTROL (incl. Covid-19)

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The protection of our community – our visitors, our artists, and our staff – whether they are immune suppressed or vulnerable, remains our top priority.

We apply a suite of risk controls against all infections, such as, but not limited to, Covid-19, gastroenteritis, and influenza. We recognise that no single intervention is perfect in preventing infections, but through personal and shared responsibilities, multiple layers improve success.

Before visiting:

- **Do not visit if you're unwell.** Please find an alternate, preferably well-ventilated, or online space to conduct business. If you have recently been a close contact, consider taking a RAT test before visiting. They are also available at Back to Back (B2B).
- **As part of Back to Back's adherence to the WHS and NDIS Quality Standards, all activities at Back to Back require a risk assessment before commencement. We may ask you about your vaccination 'status' to assist us in putting in place the best infection control measures.** Back to Back strongly recommends that all staff and participants are 'up-to-date' with their C-19 vaccinations, which is currently advised by the **Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI)** as every 6 months, unless you have been recently ill with C-19.
- **If you have recently travelled overseas,** please find an alternate, preferably well-ventilated, or online space to conduct business for up to 3 days after you have travelled, and, if available, please take a RAT test on the 3rd day after travel before visiting 60 Little Malop St. They are available at B2B. If you must visit the Studios and Offices before that, please consider wearing a face mask.

While you are onsite:

- **If you have any doubts about your or any other associate's health, masks are encouraged** if you are indoors and in a crowded space. Masks are available if you don't have one. For more information, please visit <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/face-masks>
- **Always practice good hygiene and wash hands regularly.** Hand sanitiser is available across the venue. Back to Back also uses plastic free wipes for surfaces and equipment.
- **Back to Back staff will ensure that the installed ventilators are in position and operational before you enter.** Weather permitting, doors and windows are regularly opened to ensure room refreshment. Please consider social distancing (1.5m) when indoors if in a crowded space.

General:

- **Remain at home if you are feeling (even slightly) unwell,** with such symptoms as *fever, chills, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose or loss of sense of smell.*
- **Each visitor, participant and staff must sign in, either on internal channels, sign-in book, check in-list or with a Back to Back Staff member.**
- No smoking in any areas, including the dock.

BACK TO BACK THEATRE

In the CREATIVE STUDIO:

- Ensure ventilators are operating, and open doors at break times.
- Sanitise microphones, leads and any other shared technical equipment.
- Wipe down and sanitise any exercise or yoga equipment.

Communal Spaces and Facilities:

- Ensure ventilators are operating.
- If you would like tea or coffee, please choose a dedicated cup or mug or bring your own.
- Clean your own crockery and cutlery, or place in the dishwasher – it will be run each day.
- We encourage you to leave the building during your break. Go for a walk around the block, purchase food and drinks from local businesses.

Deliveries, Collections, and on-site Maintenance:

- All service providers are required to sign in at Back to Back Theatre before conducting works.

What Back to Back Theatre will be doing:

- Install HEPA filtered ventilation units in the office, green room, and Creative Studio.
- All microphones and leads will be sanitised before and after use.
- Provide safety guidelines to all visitors, participants and staff.
- Risk assess all activities, including pre and post interstate and international touring to determine a RAT schedule, with a registered Public Health consultant.
- Back to Back will not record or store your vaccination status (as at 11 August 2023).
- If you are concerned, Staff are able to self-check temperatures, and do a group temperature check.
- Provide hand sanitizer, masks and wipes.
- Regularly ventilate the space by opening windows, and doors.
- Inform and train staff on current Safety guidelines and procedures.

If you start to feel unwell during your time at Back to Back Theatre:

- Advise a staff member immediately, check temperature, and take a RAT test (available at B2B)
- If it is practicable, leave the venue immediately, otherwise you will be isolated on site.
- If you show any flu-like symptoms after leaving Back to Back Theatre, please inform B2B **ASAP**.
- As a Provider, Back to Back is required to record your result, by case, not by name.
- Please visit <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/> for up-to-date information and advice.

IF A HEALTH ALERT IS COMMUNICATED TO YOU WHILE YOU ARE AT BACK TO BACK, the following measures may be put in place:

- Face masks, RAT testing, temperature checks, social distancing and possibly, closure.