

CBOI Covid-19 Risk Assessment

Ensemble Activity (indoors)

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Covid-19 is an illness that can affect your lungs and airways. It is caused by a virus called Coronavirus. Symptoms can be mild, moderate or severe.

Having postponed or cancelled all live rehearsals and concerts for 17 months due to Covid-19, we have very carefully considered the impact of further postponements and cancellations and believe this course of action would be detrimental to our Orchestra and membership. The health and safety of our members, tutors, staff and volunteers is a priority. With this in mind, we have spoken to senior Government officials; taken expert advice, and investigated all available covid safety controls. We have put in place all of the safety controls outlined in this Risk Assessment below. In doing so, we believe that the risk of transmission of the virus is heavily minimised and that the health and safety of our members, tutors, staff and volunteers is in no way compromised.

The risk assessments will be reviewed and updated as and when required.

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HAZARD:	Spread of Coronavirus(Covid-19)		
WHO MIGHT BE AT RISK	Member, Staff, Tutors, Volunteers Vulnerable Groups: Those with existing underlying health conditions		
CONTROL NEEDED	CONTROL IN PLACE	ACTION BY WHO?	ACTION WHEN?
Covid Testing	Members are asked if possible to provide a) a negative PCR Test taken within 72 hours (HSE or NHS or Private Company acceptable) or b) a negative lateral flow antigen test taken on the morning of rehearsal. A Team from MediLink Ambulance service will be on site to: a) do rapid lateral flow tests on anyone who cannot provide a) or b) above b) to check everybody's temperature on arrival c) make sure all safety procedures are in place and being adhered to d) urgently act if anybody is displaying symptoms	CBOI Team, members, parents	Prior to Day 1 or on Day 1
Social Distancing	Parents are asked to drop off students and not remain onsite (unless waiting in their car) to minimise the amount of people on site at one time. Students can be dropped at the main entrance/reception area where they will be asked to use the hand sanitiser and have their temperature checked (Exception: on day 1 when Rapid Antigen Tests are being administered). Parents and members have been divided into group and given a time to attend for their test. Test will be administered by the MediLink ambulance service. Parents and members are asked to wait in their cars and not interact with anybody. Test results will be ready within 20 minutes. Members who have a negative test can enter the school and must go directly to their rehearsal room.	CBOI Team, Parents, Members	Thurs 5 th Aug and for Duration of workshop
	Students will be asked to register their attendance using an App.	CBOI Team	Each day
	All chairs will be positioned at least 2m apart during all rehearsals. Chairs to be organised side-by-side where possible and to avoid face to face contact. Woodwind and Brass players positioned 2m apart and individually sectioned off using covid safety	CBOI Team	Wed 4 th Aug and for the Duration of workshop

	screens.		
	Strings, Harps, Guitars, Keyboard & Percussion – 2m apart.		
	Students will have individual stands and everybody is asked to bring their own music (which is available on the database). Musicians are asked not to share pens/ pencils/ music/ music stands/ chairs/water bottles/ cups. Members' Checklist: mask(s), towel, bottled water, snacks, hand sanitiser, antibacterial wipes, pen/pencil/rubber, music, instrument.	CBOI Team, Members	Duration of workshop
	Conductors/musical directors should stand 3m beyond the front row of students and are asked to wear a face mask/covering and consider a face shield, screen or similar	Conductor	Duration of workshop
	A one-way system is in place in Coláiste Chu Chulainn. All staff and students are asked to adhere to this system.	CBOI Team	Duration of workshop
	Students should stay within their own orchestral section and not mix with those from other sections.	CBOI Members	Duration of workshop
Ventilation	Rehearsal rooms will have adequate ventilation (either open windows and/or doors)	CBOI Team and Tutors	Duration of workshop
	Students (and their instruments) are being positioned to ensure that instruments that are blown i.e. woodwind and brass blow away from others. In addition, all woodwind and brass players will be positioned behind individual screens.	CBOI Team	Duration of workshop
	Rehearsal sessions will be kept to a maximum length of 40 minutes and rooms will be well ventilated. The empty room will need to be ventilated for 15 minutes between each group session.	CBOI Team	Duration of workshop
	All rooms will have Co2 monitors. in line the HSE advice and recommendations from the Department of Education and Skills.	CBOI Team	Wed 4 th Aug
	The main rehearsal hall is 6m to 8 m high and well ventilated. All doors and windows will be kept open	CBOI Team	Duration of workshop
	Noise should be kept to a minimum so that tutors do not have to raise their voices unduly. Teachers should avoid raising their voice.	CBOI Tutors	Duration of workshop
Masks	Woodwind and Brass players should wear a mask when they are not playing e.g. on arrival and departure and during breaks.	Tutors and Members	Duration of workshop
	All other musicians must wear a mask at all times.		

	Tutors, staff and volunteers are asked to wear masks		
	When taking breaks from rehearsals, everyone is required to wear a face mask/covering, students need to maintain social distancing. Students should stay within their own section group.	CBOI Team, Tutors, Members	Duration of workshop
Disinfecting and hygiene	All rooms, equipment and furniture will be sterilised during lunch break and at the end of the day (twice per day) using Foggers. The SixLog Fogger is the only fogger used in HSE hospitals and the only fogger approved by the HSE for disinfection of rooms with hospital superbugs. Several White Papers have been published on the efficacy of using hydrogen peroxide foggers for sterilisation including its efficacy in extinguishing the Covid virus.	CBOI Team	Duration of workshop
	Woodwind and brass tutors should not allow students to blow or tip water out of instruments. Paper towels and anti-bacterial wipes will be provided for venting of water keys. Students and staff should remove and dispose of their own at the end of the session.	CBOI Tutors	Duration of workshop
	Where this is not practical i.e. Piano, Drum Kits & large Percussion items these will be cleaned with antibacterial disinfectant prior to the students arriving and in between each lesson/session.	CBOI Team	Duration of workshop
Shared Equipment	All students will be given an individual music stand.	CBOI Team, Members	Duration of workshop
	All students have been requested to bring their own mask(s), towel, bottled water, snacks, hand sanitiser, antibacterial wipes, pen/pencil/rubber, music, instrument, and not share these in order to minimise the risk of spreading the virus.		
Reduction of Paper Handling	The Coronavirus can live on many surfaces including paper for up to 72 hours with this in mind all students are given access to their music electronically in advance.	CBOI Team	July 2021
Hand Washing	Hand sanitiser is available at the entrance to the school and is to be used by everyone.	CBOI Team	Duration of workshop
	Hand sanitiser is available in every rehearsal room.		
	Students and staff are asked to bring their own hand sanitiser.		
	Hand washing guidance is displayed at all sinks and all bathrooms are kept well supplied with antiviral soap.	CBOI Team	Duration of workshop

<p>Symptoms of Covid-19</p>	<p>Members are asked not to attend rehearsal if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. they have Covid-19 b. they have any symptoms of Covid-19 (Please contact the <u>HSE</u>) c. they are a close contact of someone with Covid 19, unless you have completed self - isolating for 14 days: d. they have travelled abroad within the last 14 days <p>If anyone becomes unwell during rehearsal, will be taken directly to the covid isolation room and a member of the MedeLink Team will be called. Following assessment, they will be sent home and advised to contact the HSE if the symptoms are consistent with Covid-19.</p> <p>If we are advised that a member of staff or student has developed Covid-19 and were recently on our premises the Senior Management will contact the HSE to discuss the case, identify people who have been in contact with them and will take advice on any actions or additional precautions necessary. All staff members and students will have a temperature check upon arrival at the venue. Any person with a temperature of 37.8C or greater will be sent home, asked to self-isolate and advised to request a Covid-19 test.</p>	<p>Members Parents, Tutors, Stall</p>	<p>Prios to workshop and for the duration of workshop</p>
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