

## COVID-SAFE PLAN – 31 March 2021

Business name:

**VOCALIZE CHOIR**

Has a maximum capacity of:

**103 people (excluding staff)**



is aware of current infection control and precautionary measures as recommended by health authorities and set out in this plan



agrees to comply with general and specific obligations under current Emergency Management Directions



this COVID-Safe Plan is available on-site

Venue areas		
Name	Area (in m <sup>2</sup> )	Max people (excluding staff)
CHURCH WORSHIP AREA	137.64	103

**Note:** lower capacity limits may apply to you as a consequence of existing regulation, legislation or licensing arrangements. The above figures only outline how many people you can accommodate per room/area while observing the 1 person per 4 square metres requirement.

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### Summary

<b>Name of business</b>	VOCALIZE CHOIR
<b>Business or activity</b>	Indoor public meetings (halls, meeting chambers, community facilities)
<b>Address of business or activity</b>	2 AILSA AVENUE WARRADALE SOUTH AUSTRALIA 5046
<b>Owner or Operator name</b>	KERRIE POLKINGHORNE
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### People capacity (excluding staff)

#### Venue areas

Name	Area in m <sup>2</sup>	Maximum number of people (excluding staff) in this area
CHURCH WORSHIP AREA	137.64	103
<b>Total number of people (excluding staff) allowed on premises</b>	<b><u>103</u></b>	

#### Note:

- To have more than 1,000 people, you must have a COVID Management Plan approved by SA Health.
- You can find more information and submit a COVID Management Plan via [www.covid-19.sa.gov.au](http://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au).
- The above capacity limits apply unless lower capacity limits apply to your premises under existing legislation, regulation or licensing arrangements. For example: if you have a small venue liquor licence, lower capacity limits will likely apply to your premises than the ones listed above.
- Regardless of the figures listed above, venues where entertainment is offered to patrons in fixed seating (like theatres, live performance venues and cinemas) are allowed to operate at 100% capacity if they make face masks mandatory, or 75% capacity if facemasks are optional.
- Places of worship where worshippers are in fixed seating may similarly operate at 100% of their regular capacity if facemasks are mandated for all attendees, or at 75% of their regular capacity if no masks are required.
- Where worshippers are not in fixed seating, they may operate without masks if the number of people does not exceed 3 per 4 square metres, or at a higher or their full regular capacity if masks are mandated for all attendees.

## Obligations

### General principles

#### General obligations – Contact tracing with approved contact tracing system

- You must put in place and operate an approved contact tracing system at your venue or activity.
- This means either the QR Code provided in this plan (COVID-Safe Check-in), or another electronic platform approved by the State Coordinator. You are not allowed to use any different option.
- People attending your venue or activity must check in using the approved contact tracing system you have put in place (unless they are genuinely unable, for example if they do not have a smartphone).
- They must do so as soon as practical upon entry to your premises.
- If using COVID-Safe Check-in, you must print and make the QR Code provided in this COVID-Safe Plan available onsite to allow people attending your venue or activity to check in.
- You should have a different type of attendance record available for people attending your venue that are truly unable to use COVID-Safe Check-in (that is, as a back-up option - this refers to printed, paper contact tracing records, for example).
  - These records must then include each person's contact details, and the time and date of attendance.
  - They must be produced for inspection at the request of an authorised officer.
  - It is prohibited to use these records for any other purpose than for COVID-19 contact tracing.
  - They can be physical or digital records.
  - They may not be copied, photographed, taken, or used by anyone else than you or an authorised officer.
  - They must be kept in a way that reduces the risk of them being copied, photographed, taken or used by any person other than an authorised officer.

#### General obligations - density

- The maximum number of members of the public per separate room or area must not exceed 3 persons per 4 square metres of publicly accessible space.
- **Note:** this requirement does not apply to movable places, general retail, supermarkets, and hardware stores.

#### General obligations - distancing

- Have measures in place to maintain and encourage others to maintain the physical distancing principle of at least 1.5 metres separation. This includes:
  - Between groups within each room.
  - At entry and exit points.
  - This does not apply to those who attend as a group, such as members of the same household, family or people who otherwise regularly associate with each other.

- For larger venues, complying with this requirement means that you will need to have crowd control measures in place, including in relation to queuing.

#### General obligations – COVID-Safe Plan

- A COVID-Safe Plan must be submitted by all individuals or organisations that own, operate or host Defined Public Activities, or host a gathering on residential premises of between 51 and 200 people, as outlined by the Emergency Management (Public Activities) (COVID-19) Direction.

The form must be produced on request from an authorised officer.

#### General obligations – capacity limits

- No more than 1,000 people are allowed on site at any one time. To be allowed to have more than 1,000 people on-site, you will need to prepare a dedicated COVID Management Plan and have this approved by SA Health.
- **Note:** a lower capacity limit may apply based on your activity type or the square metres available on site.

#### General obligations – COVID Marshals (if relevant)

- Any business or activity that requires a COVID Management Plan to be allowed to operate, must also have at least one dedicated COVID Marshal on site at all times while operating/open to the public.
- Visit [www.covid-19.sa.gov.au](http://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au) for more information on when a COVID Management Plan is required.
- This means a dedicated staff member who is 16 or older, has completed training as prescribed by SA Health, who is clearly identifiable as a COVID Marshal, and whose duty is to supervise and ensure that all people onsite comply with the COVID Management Plan, including distancing, density, hygiene and cleaning, infection control, venue layout, ensuring stock of items like sanitiser, and other requirements as relevant (such as keeping attendance records).
- If you operate 24/7 with staff not always onsite, you only need to have a COVID Marshal onsite at all times of high patronage.
- If you reasonably expect 200 people or more to be onsite at the same time, the COVID Marshal may not have any other duties than being a COVID Marshal.
- The owner, operator or person who is effectively in charge of a business or activity is responsible for ensuring that a COVID Marshal is in place.
- They must also keep records of completion of Marshals' training, and provide these records to an authorised officer on request.
- If your premises are used by different people or organisations, it is the responsibility of the owner or person with care/control/management of your premises to ensure that it is supervised by a COVID Marshal, if and when required.
- This will be the case when your premises are used by people conducting prescribed operations.
- In this case, you do not have to supply the COVID Marshal, but you must ensure the person conducting the prescribed operations supplies a COVID Marshal. You can determine how this is done - for example, you can include in the hiring terms and conditions that the hirer must have a COVID Marshal.
- Prescribed operations include: onsite purchase and consumption of food or beverages; sports clubs, religious or faith-based ceremonies, swimming pools used by the public, gyms and fitness centres, any activity that requires a COVID Management Plan, supermarkets, hardware stores, distribution centres and associated transport operations.

I understand that the above requirements are legal obligations under current Emergency Management directions. If I do not comply with these, I may face a fine of up to \$5,000



## Recommendations

### General

#### Physical distancing

- Consider venue layout and move tables and seating to comply with physical distancing (1.5m separation) and density requirements (3 persons per 4 square metres).
- Dedicate separate bathroom facilities for each separate room or area of a venue, where possible. Install signage to make members of the public aware of which bathroom to use.
- Dedicate separate entry and exit doors from separate rooms, and pathways to encourage “one-way traffic” where possible.
- Minimise mixing between separate rooms or groups of people as much as possible.
- Display signage at the venue entrance to instruct members of the public (and staff) not to enter if they are unwell or have COVID-19 symptoms.
- Encourage contactless payments to be used where possible.
- Encourage online bookings, reservations and pre-ordering where practical.
- Consider using physical barriers, such as plexiglass screens, in areas that involve high volume interactions (e.g. point of sale).
- Consider placing floor/wall markings or signs to identify 1.5 metres distance between people, particularly for queues and waiting areas.
- Monitor compliance with physical distancing requirements, with particular regard to areas where members of the public might congregate.
- Consider limiting the duration of any activity to 2 hours or less where possible.
- Encourage and support downloading of COVID-Safe App.

#### Contact tracing with approved contact tracing system

- To set up your COVID-Safe Check-in station(s), all you have to do is print the QR code provided in this Plan, and make it available onsite.
- It is recommended to make your QR code available on various locations, for example on each table, in a central area, near a service area, or near your entrance.
- When choosing the best place, please make sure you do not create bottlenecks/queues.
- You as the business owner/operator or person in charge of your activity are legally required to make QR code check-in available and encourage its use, and all people attending your venue - even if very briefly - are required to use it to check in as soon as practical upon entry. This includes attendees, patrons, contractors, staff, couriers/delivery drivers, take-away only patrons, and so forth.

- The requirement for attendees to check in as soon as practical upon entry can be met in several ways. For example, patrons can check in once they have taken their seat at a restaurant or café via a QR code on their table, quickly check in at the door if there is no queue, or use QR codes located further into the business to avoid people congregating at the door.
- The data collected in this way is stored in a highly secure way, and can only be used by SA Health for contact tracing purposes. The data will be kept only for 28 days.
- To prevent your QR codes from getting damaged easily, you may wish to laminate the page they are printed on. This will not affect their usability.
- Please only use the QR code provided in your plan, as this is linked to your venue/place of your activity.
- You, as well as authorised officers, are allowed to ask attendees attending your venue or activity to provide evidence of having checked in by showing the confirmation text message on their phone.
- To comply with the requirement to keep your back-up contact tracing records (paper or similar) in a way that reduces the risk of them being copied, photographed, taken or used by any person other than an authorised officer, you can:
  - Place your sign-in sheets in plain view of staff, or have individual check-in slips available that attendees can put into a secure tin or box.
  - Ensure that any copies are kept safe and secure, and away from the general public.
  - Ensure that you regularly remove sign-in logs and store them safely for 28 days.
- To ensure checking in is also possible for people with a disability, special needs or from a culturally or linguistically diverse background, you may want to consider:
  - Also printing a bigger version of your QR Code (on A3 paper)
  - Providing multiple copies of your QR codes, including both on shoulder height and at 1 metre from the ground
  - Printing your QR code page in colour

## Hygiene

- Conduct frequent environmental cleaning and disinfection especially of touch-points (door handles, push plates including bathroom, EFTPOS facilities, counters, table tops, backs of chairs, food preparation areas etc).
- Refer to SA Health and the Australian Government's online COVID-19 cleaning guidelines and factsheets for detailed information on how to undertake effective cleaning and disinfection, including the products and methods to use.
- Frequency of cleaning will be determined by the turn-over of patrons – the more patrons over a period of time, the more cleaning required.
- Clean bathrooms more frequently than lower traffic areas, especially taps, door handles and other frequently touched points. Note that for certain activities, this is mandatory.
- Avoid providing/using shared items, equipment or utensils. Where this is not possible, clean them frequently or between use.
- Provide hand sanitiser on entry and exit of the premises, and areas where you expect many people to be, or a high turnover of people.
- Consider installing signage on hand hygiene and cough etiquette.
- Ensure bathrooms have soap and running water for handwashing.

- Hand drying facilities must be made available. Provide disposable paper towels or hand dryers only. Cloth towels should only be provided if they are for single use.
- If using communal showers, maintain/encourage that people maintain 1.5 metres distance between people.

#### **Staff**

- Staff should stay home if they are sick, and go home immediately if they become unwell. Unwell staff with COVID-19 compatible symptoms should be tested for COVID-19 and remain in isolation until they receive a result. They can return to work once a test is negative and their acute symptoms have resolved.
- Minimise unnecessary contact between staff. Consider dividing staff into fixed teams or shifts that do not cross over to reduce the risk of transmission.
- Consider how you will minimise contact between staff and site visitors such as delivery personnel.
- Consider if staff need any additional training to be able to implement your COVID-Safe Plan, such as COVID awareness training, COVID Marshal training, a COVID cleaning course or other training courses.
- Please note that everyone attending your premises or activity should use COVID-SAFE Check-In. This includes staff.

#### **Ready for business**

- Print or download your COVID-Safe Plan.
- Print and display COVID-Safe materials (such as signage/posters on hygiene, physical distancing).
- Ensure all staff are aware of this plan and the requirements that are relevant to them.
- Review obligations under existing legislation and regulation which will continue to apply.
- Check that COVID-19 safety measures are risk assessed to ensure that any newly implemented measures do not create new safety or security risks.

#### **Response planning**

- Ensure you and your staff have a basic understanding of how to respond to a suspected case of COVID-19 at the workplace.
- A step-by-step summary of actions to take is:
  1. Keep others away from the confirmed or suspected case. Talk to and assess the person concerned; if they need urgent medical help, call 000 immediately.
  2. If the person is at your premises when symptoms emerge, assess the situation and risks. Talk to the person about your concerns and next steps. Seek government health advice.
  3. If well enough, ask the person to go home, seek medical advice and testing for COVID-19, and self-quarantine until a result is returned. Ensure the person has safe transport to get home; if not, you may need to arrange for a taxi.
  4. Notify SA Health via [HealthCommunicableDiseases@sa.gov.au](mailto:HealthCommunicableDiseases@sa.gov.au) so that they can trace any contacts of this person and contain the spread. SA Health may ask for any attendance records you may have kept to assist with this.
  5. SA Health will assess whether other staff, patrons or contractors may have been exposed to COVID-19, and direct them to self-quarantine at home. Note: this may include your staff; as such, it is

recommended to have contingency plans in place. SA Health may also ask you to close your premises for a deep environmental disinfection clean.

- Regularly review your COVID-Safe Plan. Update it if needed, for example if your place of doing business or the services you offer change.

#### **COVID Marshals**

- COVID Marshal training courses prescribed by SA Health will be made available online at no cost. Visit [www.covid-19.sa.gov.au](http://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au) for more information.
- Owners, operators or people effectively in charge of a business or activity are legally responsible for the overall compliance with their COVID-Safe Plan or COVID Management Plan. This includes responsibility for their COVID Marshal(s) and other staff.
- COVID Marshals are not legally responsible for a venue's overall compliance or for the behaviour of individual patrons. Instead, they have a duty to their employer/person in charge of the activity to perform their role as COVID Marshal to the best of their abilities.
- COVID Marshals must be familiar with their business or activity's COVID-Safe or COVID Management Plan. Owners, operators or people effectively in charge of a business or activity should provide a copy of their Plan to their COVID Marshal(s) and discuss the Plan and its implementation with them. This gives COVID Marshals the information they need to take reasonable action to ensure staff, patrons and other people comply with the Plan and the rules and restrictions in it.
- Beyond the mandatory requirements around age and training, it is recommended that people nominated as COVID Marshals have good customer service, people and communication skills, a solid knowledge of the business or activity's operations, and sufficient experience and authority among staff to supervise and give limited directions.

**I understand these recommendations and will implement them where I can, to the extent possible, to ensure my operations are COVID Safe**



### **Indoor public meetings (halls, meeting chambers, community facilities)**

#### **Indoor public meetings – physical distancing**

- Establish seating arrangements to ensure physical distancing.
- Choirs and other singing groups must be physically distanced as much as possible, both from each other and particularly from other attendees, because of increased droplet spread during these activities.
- Remove shared water stations.
- Consider limiting the duration of events to no more than 2 hours.

#### **Indoor public meetings – hygiene**

- Avoid using shared plates of food, including by participants.
- Advise participants to bring their own equipment where practical.
- Any shared equipment should be cleaned between use.

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**Notes (optional, for use by owner/operator)**