



## Royal Academy of Dance Australia COVID-19 Special Measures

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RAD Australia recognizes the importance of vigilance and safeguarding especially during this time of the outbreak of Coronavirus (COVID-19). We are monitoring government advice and notifications and will respond accordingly on a rolling basis.

The RAD requests any participants or teachers who have been in the vicinity of any person or place associated with cases of COVID-19, and those recently returning from high-risk areas to please notify RAD Australia immediately. If you are feeling unwell or displaying symptoms you should not attend student events or activities.

Should we experience a significant number of withdrawals from any event, we may reconsider proceeding with the event. In the event of any cancellation due to COVID-19 entries will be refunded.

As this situation unfolds in Australia we will continue to work with our global colleagues to respond to changes in advice as they happen and this document will be updated in a timely manner.

In the interim, the following measures have been instigated:-

### **Procedures for class-based activities**

- To ensure studios and environments are safe for rehearsals and classes the following instructions apply and RAD staff will:
  - Wipe down barres, equipment and props between every class with disinfectant wipes
  - Wipe down disinfectant of door handles, balustrades and other high-touch surfaces on studio premises
  - Ensure availability of hand soap (antibacterial if possible) in bathrooms and hand sanitiser in waiting areas and studios
  - Minimise student-student and student-teacher contact during classes (e.g. hand holding)
  - Ensure studios have appropriate and additional cleaning procedures of the premises in place if required.
  
- To ensure students are aware of the following through instruction and relevant signage:
  - Encourage regular hand washing and use of hand sanitiser
  - Ensure nose and mouth are covered by a tissue or into an elbow for any sneezing and coughing. Tissues disposed of immediately.
  - Do not share water bottles and all unclaimed water bottles will be disposed of.
  - To speak up if a student or faculty member is feeling unwell.