

# OBV COVID-19 CONTINGENCIES

OBV conducts a wide range of activities and has developed comprehensive and agile systems to deal with changing covid circumstances.

## In ALL activities OBV maintains these policies wherever practicable...

- comply with all WA Govt DoH guidelines with regard to close contacts, testing and isolation
- distancing: activities are organised so as to reduce numbers and mixing. Children and staff are spaced as much as possible.
- ventilation: windows and doors are kept open, fans and air conditioners are deployed if available
- mask wearing by adults
- hand sanitiser to be provided and used
- exclusion of individuals exhibiting symptoms with efficient family communication channels established and maintained
- vaccination status: variation from WA government advised status is monitored and addressed case by case
- special circumstances are monitored for e.g. immune-suppression of participants or immediate family; new arrivals from countries with different covid policies
- key personnel : OBV tasks are assigned in such away as to create an overlapping of responsibilities allowing for increased redundancy among key personnel

For covid contingency purposes OBV classifies its activities into two realms

### activity requiring physical gatherings

For these, OBV's covid contingency approach encompasses two layers

Layer 1 - alignment with existing covid plan of venue concerned

Layer 2 - additional measures appropriate to the activity and circumstances

### activity not requiring physical gatherings

These activities are largely immune from covid disruption and in themselves form a component of OBVs covid contingency strategy

EXAMPLE: the development of 'set and forget' electronic learning properties like the OBV EasyTeach PowerPoints and Lyric Videos that students can continue to use in isolation

EXAMPLE: all resources made available in downloadable form with dedicated download areas for teachers and students

EXAMPLE: soloist/compere/young talent/Studio Choir auditions are now done via video submission (420 videos submitted in 2021)

EXAMPLE: increasingly, meetings are held on Zoom/ WhatsApp chats

### LAYER 1 - Alignment with covid policies of venue

### LAYER 2 - Contingencies

#### Main OBV Concert

- RAC Arena

cancel event

assist schools mount mini-OBV events either alone or as 'cluster concerts' with neighbouring schools. (As per Narrogin in 2020)

postpone event

adapt choir sizes to achieve required distancing e.g. 4x performances of 1500 rather than 2x of 3000

special refund system to facilitate late withdrawal of symptomatic individuals

#### Teachers Workshops

- Glengarry PS (north)
- Cockburn Youth Centre (south)

cancellation of live event

convert to 100% live streamed event with indexed video accessible post-event via OBV YouTube channel

workshops to be split into north and south versions allowing smaller gatherings

workshops to be live streamed with indexed reference video made available afterwards

#### Studio Choir Recording Sessions\*

- Hibiscus Studios
- Crank Studios
- Bambara PS Music Room
- Success PS Music Room
- Brentwood PS Music Room

*\*Close contacts include immediate family who are household members*

sessions to be split into north and south groupings allow smaller gatherings

chorister or close contact symptomatic

exclude/provide 'catch-up' support if needed

chorister returning from symptoms

to provide RAT/ PCR confirmation

spaced and reduced seating for families. Families to self regulate; co-ordinate and rotate.

convert to multiple small ensemble sessions at Hibiscus Studios

cancellation of full group session

fee structure designed to facilitate pro-rata refunds

#### Young Talent Live Auditions

- West Greenwood PS Assembly Area

conduct as zero-audience or reduced audience event

cancellation of event

revert to selection based on video submissions alone

#### Soloists and Comperes Rehearsal Event

- West Greenwood PS Assembly Area

cancellation of event

arrange for choir teachers to conduct special rehearsals for soloists and comperes

#### Meetings - committee, creative, production and admin teams.

- Various

cancellation of live event

revert to Zoom, WhatsApp and Google Workspace