

# COVID-19 Safety Plan

Academy of Improvisation (*classes and events*)



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Academy of Improvisation (AOI) is a registered COVID Safe business, and operates in accordance with the NSW state government regulations for protecting our staff and students during the COVID-19 health crisis.

This COVID-19 Safety Plan has been completed and approved by Richard Bennett, the principal of Academy of Improvisation, in order to create and maintain a safe environment for all staff and students.



## Why do we still have a COVID-19 Safety Plan?

As at June 2024, people are still in hospital and are dying from COVID-19 and related illnesses every day – it's just not reported in the media anymore. And the lockdowns and distancing rules from 2020 to 2022 have meant diminished immune systems in most of the population, so colds and flu are more common and more severe.

While the COVID-19 Safety rules are no longer in place in NSW, there is still much we can do to look after peoples' health. Nobody should get sick, or die, from an improv class!

## Vaccination

All students must be double dose vaccinated and show valid proof when attending their first class. Please check you have proof available before coming to your class.

*Note that Service NSW has changed the location of vaccination certificate documents over the last few years and often finding them in the app or website can be difficult, especially if you haven't had to show them for a year or two.*

All of our teachers and staff are at a minimum double dose vaccinated and have had their initial booster shot, with most having every booster that's been available, which at current count is 7.

Proof of vaccination status must consist of one of the NSW government mandated documents or certificates: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2021-10/covid-19-Proof-of-vaccination-A3.pdf>

## Masks

You don't need to wear a mask, but happy for you to do so if needed. If you do wear a mask, you'll get about 80% of the learnings from the class.

## QR check-in & Record keeping

QR code check-ins are no longer required.

## Wellbeing of staff and students

If staff or students feel unwell – fever, cough, scratchy or sore throat and/or shortness of breath – they should not come to their class or event, and should see a doctor.

We haven't needed to run classes under COVID-19 regulations since early 2022, but in case we do, all our staff have been trained in running them under COVID-19 regulations and this COVID-19 Safety Plan.

## Physical distancing

All staff and students should maintain a 1.5m distance between other persons, where reasonably practical, but this is at the discretion of the people involved.

Only staff and students pre-registered to be at a class or event, are allowed in the room during the scheduled class or event or during the before and after room changeover periods.

All staff and students should move directly to their scheduled class or event room immediately when they arrive at the venue, and should leave the premises and surrounding areas immediately after the class or event has ended, or as stated in the venue's COVID-19 Safety Plan.

## Hygiene and cleaning

All staff and students should maintain effective hygiene practices, including washing hands regularly, sneezing and coughing into a tissue, or their elbow if tissues are not available, using hand sanitiser if necessary on their hands, chairs and personal property.

Venue hygiene will be maintained by either AOI or the class venue's staff, as required by the venue's COVID-19 Safety Plan.