



# COVID-19 and the arts—frequently asked questions

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## When will Australians be able to attend arts and cultural events again?

Re-opening in a safe way is the highest priority of the Australian Government.

Australia has a clear path and targets for how to open back up thanks to modelling from the Doherty Institute. All states and territories have agreed to a 4-step [National Plan to transition Australia's National COVID-19 Response](#).

The National Plan provides a graduated pathway, based on public health management of COVID-19. It is based on key vaccination thresholds – moving from the current Phase A to Phase B once 70% of the Australian population 16 years of age and older is fully vaccinated and Phase C once the 80% threshold is met.

States and territories will advise how restrictions will be lifted in their jurisdictions as these thresholds are met.

COVID-19 vaccinations are available to all Australians over the age of 12. The latest information on public health measures is available on the [Department of Health's website](#).

## Where can I find information on safe work practices for the arts?

[Safe Work Australia](#) provides guidance on safe work practices, including the [National COVID-19 safe workplace principles](#). The Australian Government's [Business website](#) has information to support businesses manage COVID-19.

## What is the Government doing to support the cultural and creative sector?

The Government is delivering substantial economic measures, which include support for workers and organisations in the cultural and creative sector. In addition to whole-of-economy measures for businesses and individuals, the Government has announced substantial targeted support for the arts. For more information, please visit the Office for the Arts [COVID-19 update page](#).

## Where do I find information on support being provided by state and territory governments?

All states and territories are providing support to the arts sector in response to COVID-19. Links to relevant state and territory websites are provided on the Office for the Arts [COVID-19 information and support page](#).

## **I received a grant for an activity that I can no longer do because of COVID-19. What should I do?**

The Office for the Arts will continue to provide administrative support for funded activities. If your activity is affected by COVID-19, please contact your program officer who will work with you to manage your funding agreement.

## **Can the Government help me to make changes to my arts business in the future to make it more sustainable?**

Information, grants, services and support from across government to help your business succeed can be found on the [Australian Government's business website](#). This includes information on the following:

- Australian Small Business Advisory Service – Digital Solutions program
- Digital Readiness Assessment tool
- Digital Directors training package