**Live Performance Australia – Member News**

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**Coronavirus (COVID-19) - Member Advice Update #5**

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**Latest Australian Government advice**

**Due to concerns about COVID-19, the Australian Government has today advised against organised, non-essential mass gatherings of more than 500 people from Monday 16 March 2020. This advice is a precautionary measure.**

The National Cabinet will be working on the implementation aspects over the weekend and further advice will be provided on Monday. The PM indicated 'government would set the ground rules' about how this advice will be managed.

**We are seeking urgent clarification on the details of the announcement, in particular 'advice' versus a 'government directive', the timeframe for this advice and the details of implementation. Further updates will be provided when we have more information.**

At this point in time, the government has indicated it is making decisions based on medical advice. The medical advice is that there is growing evidence of community transmission. The Prime Minister confirmed that at this stage, this advice did not apply to 'essential' activities such as work and education.

The government has also increased the advice level for overseas travel to Level 3: only essential overseas travel should be undertaken.

**Frequently asked questions**

LPA has prepared [responses to frequently asked questions](https://liveperformance.us20.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f69bd6ca06f4076989d42262a&id=4231f694fd&e=9b66bb7680). Areas which are covered in the FAQs include:

* event cancellations, venue closures and travel
* employment related matters
* refund obligations
* privacy
* managing reported cases of COVID-19

This document will be updated regularly as new information becomes available or in response to additional Member queries and feedback.

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