**Live Performance Australia**

**Coronavirus (COVID-19) - Member Advice Update #15**

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**UPDATE: FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**  
  
The National Cabinet met on 27 March 2020. The Prime Minister made [announcements](https://www.pm.gov.au/media/update-coronavirus-measures-270320) about the following in his press conference:  
  
**Economic stimulus**  
  
The Prime Minister noted that a **third tranche of economic stimulus measures** will be announced next week. These measures include a plan to put businesses into "hibernation" during the close-down period.  
  
**New travel restrictions**  
  
Anyone who returns to Australia will be forced to quarantine in a hotel or other accommodation for 14 days. They will not be allowed to return home. This is effective from**11:59pm (local time) 28 March 2020.**Police forces will be enforcing these measures.

**UPDATE: STATE AND TERRITORY GOVERNMENTS**  
  
**Tasmania: Public Gatherings**  
  
On 27 March 2020, the Tasmanian Government [announced](https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-03-27/coronavirus-pandemic-tasmania-fines-for-gatherings-over-10/12095608) a ban on gatherings that consist of**10 people or more in public or private spaces from** **6:00pm (AEST) 27 March 2020**. There is an exception for gatherings in the homes of people with families greater than 10. Fines of up to $16,800 apply.  
  
**Western Australia: Travel Restrictions**  
  
On 27 March 2020, the West Australian Government [announced](https://www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au/Pages/McGowan/2020/03/WA-travel-restrictions-come-into-place-from-midnight-Tuesday.aspx) new intrastate travel restrictions to come into effect from **12:00am (AWST) March 31 2020**.Western Australians will not be permitted to leave their regional boundary. Exemptions will apply for reasons including work, to attend medical appointments, and compassionate grounds.

**LICENSING FOR LIVE STREAMED EVENTS: APRA GUIDANCE**  
  
APRA has revised its licensing policies in response to the growing prevalence of live streamed events. APRA has provided guidance for [**Music Events**](https://liveperformance.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/COVID19-APRA-Response-Live-Streamed-Concerts-27-March-2020.docx) and [**Dramatic Context Events**](https://liveperformance.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/COVID19-Live-streamed-Dramatic-Context-Licensing-v1.2-20200327.docx). In short, subject to conditions, the same rates for live music events and dramatic context events will apply for live streamed events.

**ARTS CENTRE MELBOURNE: WORKING FROM HOME RESOURCES**  
  
Arts Centre Melbourne has published two guides to assist individuals working from home:

* [Working from Home: Positive Connections for Leaders](https://liveperformance.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Work-from-Home-Positive-Connections-for-Leaders.pdf)
* [Working from Home: Positive Connections for Team Members](https://liveperformance.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Work-from-Home-Positive-Connections-for-Team-Members.pdf)

The guides outline practical measures to maintain positive connections within teams while working from home.   
  
These guides follow the earlier [Working from Home: set-up guidelines for team members](https://liveperformance.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/ACM-Work-from-Home-Guidelines-for-Team-Members-March-2020.pdf) designed to assist staff in settling in to new working arrangements.

**OTHER RESOURCES**  
  
**LPA Resources**  
  
You can find all LPA resources - media releases, Member EDMs and fact sheets - related to COVID-19 [here](https://liveperformance.com.au/resource?keyword=COVID-19).  
  
**Safety from Violence**  
  
Women's Safety NSW has published an [article](https://liveperformance.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/26.03.20_Working-from-home_what-about-safety-from-violence-and-abuse.pdf) to assist employer organisations and unions to help mitigate risks when it comes to staff members at risk of domestic violence working from home.  
  
**La Boite**  
  
La Boite convened a [COVID-19 Performing Arts Industry Forum](https://liveperformance.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/LB2020_COVID_REPORT.pdf) on 17 March 2020. The Forum was specifically for independent artists and small to medium organisations to discuss the effects of COVID-19.  
  
La Boite has compiled ideas from the Performing Arts Industry, to provide those in the arts industry with clarity and an open channel for communication in this difficult time.  
  
Please visit La Boite's Important Information: COVID-19 [webpage](https://laboite.com.au/important-update) for more updates.