

DANCE STUDIO OWNERS
SECTOR CONNECT #5
RETURN TO THE PHYSICAL SPACE
SESSION SUMMARY
JUNE 5TH, 2020

Disclaimer:

All information outlined in DANCE STUDIO OWNERS SECTOR CONNECT N# 5 summary is time stamped to 11.06.2020. Government regulations and restrictions are continuously being updated and are ever changing. Ausdance Victoria's advocacy is ongoing and ever evolving thus meaning current information regarding the government's restrictions to business can be found at dhhs.vic.gov.au and Ausdance Victoria's Advocacy at ausdancevic.org.au.

Our advice is general information around policies and protocols. Please ensure before you implement any changes to your business you seek the appropriate legal advice for your business.

Sector Connect #5 Returning to the Physical Space

This session was hosted by Katrina Rank, Director of Education and Shweta Dakin, Marketing Communications Manager. Moderated by Fiona Hulands, Dance Development Officer. Joined by Kate Kaleb, RTO coordinator.

ATTENDEES

160 registrations, 100 attendees from Victoria

AUSDANCE VIC DISCUSSION

Since the start of the pandemic Ausdance Victoria in partnership with Ausdance NSW has been holding sector connect sessions addressing concerns and providing support to different sections of the sector. This fifth sector connect centred around the return to the physical space with the Victorian government announcing further easing of restrictions planned from 11.59pm on 21st of June. These restrictions are subject to the advice of the Chief Health Officer.

Ausdance Victoria welcomed many new faces to the 5th sector connect sessions and took this opportunity to share what previous work had been done before moving into discussing what the action plan moving forward is.

Ausdance Victoria shared the following information

- An overview of Ausdance and it's work during the COVID-19 crisis since March 2020.
- Letter sent to the Minister of Health
- Draft COVID safe Plan

QUESTIONS AND TOPICS RAISED

Where possible, we have provided links. Other questions will be discussed further at the next sector meeting to provide answers or recommendations.

1. Restrictions on group active participant sizes

Planned easing of restrictions from 11.59pm on 21st June subject to the advice of the Chief Health Officer.

- *Indoor sports centres and venues can be opened with up to 20 people allowed per separate enclosed space, subject to the four square metre rule, with up to 10 people per group or activity*

- *Indoor physical recreation (for example, gyms, health clubs, class fitness studios) can be opened with up to 20 people allowed per separate enclosed space, subject to the four square metre rule, with up to 10 people per group or activity*

[DHHS Victoria sport and exercise restrictions COVID19](#)

It has been expressed and acknowledged that the 10 participants limit to a group size is a concern for the viability of your studios'

2. How to social distance participants particularly the younger age groups 2.5-5yrs

3. Returning to Live performances

4. Expectations on cleaning and cleaning protocols

5. Guidelines and Checklists

6. Ausdance Communications

Questions and statements around communications were:

- How can we communicate with you in the future?
- When these guidelines are planned and other important information documents are realised how will we find out about it and have it communicated to us
- What is the potential for an Ausdance Victoria Studio Owner closed Facebook group?

7. National Documentation

How does the national documentation work and why isn't there a national framework that is then adapted to each state?

Resources

Victorian Government Restrictions and Documents

- <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus>
- <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/victorias-restriction-levels-covid-19>
- <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/202005/Restricted-Activity%20Directions%20No%209%20-%20signed.pdf>
- <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/sport-and-exercise-restrictions-covid-19>

Ausdance Victoria reached out to Worksafe and the following information has been provided

- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
- [OHS Essentials program](#) This program provides small business with WorkCover Insurance with a tailored safety cation plan
- [Commonly asked questions about coronavirus \(COVID-19\) and occupational health and safety in your workplace.](#)

During the Corona Virus pandemic it is important that an employer utilises the guidance available on both the [Department of Health's website](#) and [WorkSafe Victoria's website](#) on how to best manage the risks that their

employees face within their workplace.

Further information on COVID-19 is also available on the [Safework Australia website](#).

[Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004](#)

s.20 The concept of ensuring health and safety

s.21 Duties of employers to employees

s.22 Duties of employers to monitor health and conditions etc.

s.23 Duties of employers to other persons.

Creative Victoria

Arts and Culture Return to business Guidelines are tailored guidelines for museums, galleries, libraries and performance venues.

<https://creative.vic.gov.au/news/2020/guidelines-for-the-phased-re-opening-of-our-creative-sector>