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Subject: Return to dance activities post Covid-19

To the Prime Minister, Premiers and Chief Ministers,

Please see Ausdance National's [open letter](#) to the National Cabinet requesting acknowledgement of the dance sector and its specific knowledge and expertise when considering post-Covid-19 regulations.

While we recognise that each jurisdiction will have its own re-opening regulations, the sector is very confused about what can and cannot be done as community teachers prepare to reopen their studios. As noted in our letter, dance activities have never been referred to specifically in any National Cabinet communications, and nor has the dance sector been consulted, somehow being lumped together with gyms, boot camps, fitness studios and outdoor activities.

The Ausdance network has produced [Return to Dance](#) guidelines which have been widely shared with the dance industry, and with the Australia Council, but until we get specific guidance from the National Cabinet (and individual jurisdictions) we are unable to provide more information.

This letter will also give you a comprehensive overview of the work Ausdance has done (and is doing) to raise standards, formalise qualifications and communicate with dance teachers Australia-wide.

We do not have individual email addresses for each Premier and Chief Minister, but trust the Covid-19 team in the Department for the Arts will ensure all National Cabinet members see and consider this letter.

Kind regards,

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