



Canberra Qwire  
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## COVID19 POLICY

**Updated November 2022**

### **Introduction**

Whilst COVID19 restrictions have eased, COVID still presents risks to the community. These risks are higher for some people than others, for example for seniors and those with existing respiratory or immune system issues. Singing also increases the risk of transmission.

Qwire Committee has given careful consideration to current circumstances. A survey of Qwire members by the Committee in early November 2022 identified that a large majority of members were keen to make the wearing of masks at rehearsal optional, while retaining a 2-week exclusion period for anyone testing positive to COVID. In recognition of the burden of wearing masks while singing and in line with survey results, Qwire Committee has updated Qwire's COVID policy, effective from 25 November 2022. This policy is subject to change if COVID conditions change. Any government directive that is more restrictive will automatically override this policy.

### **Vaccination**

COVID Vaccination (including boosters as applicable) is strongly encouraged for all Qwire members.

### **Face masks**

Wearing of face masks is optional at rehearsals (and for performances and other Qwire events). Singing in the back row at rehearsal or for performances may reduce risk of exposure and is an option for any member.

### **Social Distancing**

Social distancing (previously 1.5 metres) is no longer required.

### **Hand Sanitizer**

Attendees are encouraged to use the hand sanitizer provided.

### **Symptoms**

You must not attend Qwire if you have experienced any respiratory or other COVID symptoms in the preceding 48 hours.

### **COVID positive**

If you test positive to COVID, you must::

- inform the Qwire Secretary (0407 553207) or the Event Manager (0447 771518) immediately by phone or text. If there is a risk that you were infectious or infected at Qwire, other attendees will be informed as appropriate.
- not attend Qwire for at least 14 days from the positive test result, and only return to Qwire if symptom-free. The day of exposure may count as Day 1.

### **Testing**

Testing is strongly encouraged if you have any concerns that you have been exposed to COVID, especially if you are aware of a close contact testing positive. Do not attend Qwire if you are awaiting COVID test results. If unable to test, but are a close contact of someone who tested positive to COVID, do not attend Qwire for 7 days and monitor for symptoms. Only return to Qwire if you are symptom-free.

### **Compliance**

All prospective members must agree to comply with this policy prior to attending. For current members, attendance is taken as agreement to comply. Anyone who does not comply may be asked to leave by a Committee member.

If you have any questions or concerns about this COVID policy, please contact a Committee member.

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