

COVID-19: GUIDANCE FOR MUSIC THEORY VENUES



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These instructions apply to candidates taking Grade 6 to 8 Music Theory exams in the UK and Ireland.

The safety of our candidates, invigilators and venues is paramount and we are taking steps to ensure a safe exam experience for everyone.

In addition, to our own guidelines, it is essential that all government guidelines for educational settings are followed. The links below provide more information.

- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): guidance for educational settings](#)
- [Education and childcare during coronavirus](#)
- [Guidance for Parents and Carers](#)
- [Scotland guidance for educational settings](#)
- [Wales guidance for educational settings](#)
- [Northern Ireland guidance for education settings](#)

Please note: Our guidance will be revised or updated as necessary in line with Government and Public Health England guidance.

We advise everyone to follow the hands, face, space guidance:

- **HANDS** - Wash your hands regularly and for 20 seconds.
- **FACE** - Everyone over the age of 11, unless exempt, must wear a face covering in indoor settings.
- **SPACE** - Stay 2 metres apart from people you do not live with where possible, or 1 metre with extra precautions in place.

Some venues may have additional precautionary measures in place, as required by the property. These measures must be followed as well as those in this guidance.

Arrival and departure from the exam venue

- If you are unwell, have tested positive for Covid-19 within the last 10 days or are self-isolating, do not come to the venue.
- Candidates and anyone coming with them should arrive no more than 15 minutes before the exam start time unless stated otherwise. To avoid overcrowding, only one person should come to the venue with the candidate.
- We may ask you to queue outside the exam venue if numbers inside exceed safety limits. If you are queuing, please maintain social distancing and follow any signs on display and the instructions provided by the exam invigilators.
- Hand sanitiser/washing facilities will be provided.
- All spaces in the venue will be well ventilated via windows or ventilation units.
- Candidates and those coming with them should leave the venue promptly after the exam has finished.

Please follow specific local government guidance across the UK and Ireland ROI on face coverings.

- **England:** Face coverings: when to wear one, exemptions, and how to make your own
- **Scotland:** Coronavirus (COVID-19): face coverings
- **Wales:** Face coverings: guidance for public
- **Northern Ireland:** Coronavirus (COVID-19): face coverings
- **Republic of Ireland:** When to wear face coverings and how to make them

In England, face coverings are no longer required by law. However, we advise and encourage anyone attending the venue who is over 11 and is not exempt, to wear a face covering when inside the exam venue. The steward may ask the candidate to remove their face covering briefly to confirm their identity. Candidates can remove face coverings during the exam itself.

During the exam

- Room layouts will reflect social distancing with limits on the number of candidates.
- Candidates can remove face coverings during the exam.
- Candidates should stay seated at all times. Please raise your hand if you need to speak to the invigilators.

Any questions please contact us on
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Good luck with your exams!

