

Corona Protection Concept of the Global Music Academy GmbH

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In implementation of the SARS-CoV-2 Infection Protection Measures Ordinance of the State of Berlin, last modified 01.02.2022 and the Hygiene Framework Concept of the Senate Department for Culture and Europe of 15.01.2022 and the Hygiene Framework Concept for fitness and dance studios, weight rooms and similar indoor sports facilities from 28.12.2021, this protection concept defines the hygiene and infection protection standards for teaching in presence.

- **Music lessons (individual and group)** may be held indoors only in compliance with the **2G regulation**, provided that the number of participants is limited to ensure a minimum distance of 1.5 meters at all times.
- **Singing lessons (individual)** are permitted indoors only in compliance with the **2G regulation**, provided that the number of participants is limited to ensure a minimum distance of 2 meters in all directions at all times. The wearing of an FFP2 mask is recommended.
- **Singing lessons (groups and choirs)** are only permitted indoors if the **2G-plus regulation** is observed, i.e. only for recovered and vaccinated persons with an **additional daily negative test**. For children and adolescents, the **2G exemption regulations apply during school weeks** (up to 7 years without testing, 6-18 years proof of school testing (BVG ticket/student ID); during **vacation periods, testing is also mandatory for children over 7 years**. For adults, the **testing obligation** also applies without restriction to persons with booster vaccinations.
- **Dancing lessons** may take place in closed rooms only under the observance of the **2G regulation** and under adherence to the minimum distance of 1.5m, thus only for recovered persons and vaccinated persons. For children and adolescents, the 2G exemptions apply during school weeks (up to 7 years without testing, 6-18 years proof of school testing (BVG ticket/student ID), during vacation periods, testing is also mandatory for children 7 years and older.

1. Distance rules

1.1 A minimum distance of 1.5 metres must be maintained at all times in all premises.

1.2 For vocals and wind instruments, a minimum distance of 2.0 metres must be ensured.

1.3 Group lessons and lessons with singing and wind instruments are only permitted in adequately sized rooms where teachers and participants can keep a sufficient distance.

1.4 The distance requirement of 1.5 metres (or 2.0 metres for singing and wind instruments) must also be observed outdoors.

2. Mandatory wearing of masks

2.1 When entering any part of the building (corridors, waiting areas and toilets) as well as all classrooms, an FFP-2 mask is mandatory.

2.2 A medical mask is required for children from the age of 6 to the age of 14.

2.3 As long as the necessary distance rules can be fully observed, masks may be removed during lessons for artistic and didactic reasons. There is no obligation to wear a medical face mask as long as the participants stay **at the fixed place assigned** to them and compliance with the minimum distance is ensured for all places.

3. 2G rule for participation in music lessons indoors.

3.1 Only the following may participate in music lessons:

- Persons who have been vaccinated or have recovered (=2G rule);
- Persons who have not yet reached the age of 18; these must have tested negative.
- Persons who cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons (medical certificate); these must have PCR-tested negative.
- Pupils attending schools as defined by the Berlin School Act and institutions of the second educational pathway (proof of testing by presentation of pupil ID).

3.2 The 2G rule does not apply to children up to the age of 6.

3.3 Proof of a current negative test result must be provided before the start of classes by presenting a written or electronic certificate: either an antigen test (within the last 24 hours) or PCR test (not older than 48 hours). If participation in class offerings occurs more than twice a week, only two negative test results on non-consecutive days must be provided. The testing requirement is waived for vaccinated and recovered individuals per the provisions of the SARS-CoV-2 Infection Control Measures Ordinance of the State of Berlin.

3.4 Teachers and staff who come into direct contact with customers may only consist of individuals as defined by the 2G rule (vaccinated, recovered) or must provide evidence of negative testing on each day of employment. The testing requirement does not apply to vaccinated and recovering teachers per the provisions of the SARS-CoV-2 Infection Control Measures Ordinance of the State of Berlin.

3.5 Employees are entitled to free testing for SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus infection twice weekly using a point-of-care (PoC) antigen test.

4. 2G-Plus rule for participation in indoor dance classes.

4.1 Only:

- Persons who are **vaccinated or recovered (=2G rule)**.
- Persons who have not yet reached the age of 18; these must have tested negative.
- Persons who cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons (medical certificate); these must have tested negative.
- Pupils attending schools as defined by the Berlin School Act and institutions of the Second Educational Pathway (proof of testing by presentation of pupil ID).

4.2 The 2G rule does not apply to children up to the age of 7. In the case of dance and movement activities, the testing requirement does not apply to children up to and including 14 years of age if the activity is conducted in fixed groups of no more than 20 persons present plus one supervising person.

4.3 In the case of persons who are required to provide proof of testing, 3.3 applies in this regard.

4.4 Teachers and employees who come into direct contact with customers may only consist of persons in the sense of the 2G rule (vaccinated, recovered) or must provide proof of negative testing on each day of the work assignment.

4.5 Since there is no undercutting of the minimum distance, additional testing of the vaccinated and recovered is not required.

5. Attendance documentation

5.1 According to §5 of the SARS-CoV-2 Infection Protection Measures Ordinance of the State of Berlin, attendance records must be kept for all visitors for contact tracing purposes. The attendance records must contain the following information:

- Participants of courses with a current contract: first name and surname, time of attendance, details of the test certificate (type of test, date of certificate).
- All other visitors (including trial lessons): name and surname, full address or e-mail, telephone number, time of attendance, details of test evidence (type of test, date of certificate).

5.2 The lists are to be kept by the teacher. Forms are available in the office.

5.3 Data will be kept for a period of four weeks and then destroyed.

6. Access rules

6.1 During lessons, only the teacher and the pupils (and, if necessary, an accompanying person) are allowed in the room at the same time.

6.2 During group lessons, all teachers and pupils must strictly observe the distance rules when entering and leaving the classroom.

6.3 Between lessons, break times (at least 15 minutes) are to be observed in order to maintain the required distance rules and minimise contacts.

6.4 The restrooms are to be entered only separately.

6.5 Functional rooms are to be entered exclusively with FFP2 masks and the minimum distance is to be observed.

6.6. Persons who have had contact with a person suffering from SARS-CoV-2 in the last 14 days or who are themselves suffering from an upper respiratory tract infection are not allowed to enter.

7. Hygiene rules

7.1 Access to the classrooms is only permitted if the instructions on hand hygiene and sneezing and coughing etiquette are followed (no shaking hands; regular hand washing with soap and disposable towels; don't touch your face with your hands; do not cough or sneeze into the room or into your hands, but into the crook of the arm).

7.2 All persons must disinfect their hands when entering and leaving the classrooms. Disinfectant is available in permanently mounted dispensers (at entrances, exits and toilets).

7.3 Door handles, music stands and other frequently used objects are disinfected after each use or after each lesson by the teacher who last gave the lesson.

7.4 After each lesson, the teacher who gave the last lesson must air the respective classroom thoroughly (at least 15 minutes).

8. Use of instruments

8.1 The sharing of instruments or objects at the same time is to be avoided.

8.2 The sharing or passing on of wind instruments is not permitted.

8.3 During piano lessons, the required minimum distance is to be observed. Hand hygiene is to be observed before the start of playing.

9. Additional measures

9.1 Signs regarding hygiene regulations and distance rules are posted in the rooms.

9.2 The restrooms are equipped with sufficient soap and paper towels.

9.3 Cleaning in high traffic areas is increased, especially in the sanitary rooms.

10. Events

Events in closed rooms with more than 10 persons present at the same time may only take place under the 2G plus condition plus mask obligation. Events with up to 10 persons may take place with minimum distance OR negative test + FFP2 mask (except at the fixed place).

Persons who perform artistic performances at events or otherwise make contributions that are indispensable for the course of the event and cannot be justified by other persons do not have to belong to the group of persons (2G) if they provide evidence of a negative PCR test.

11. Instruction

All teachers are to be instructed about the protection concept and must confirm that they have taken note of it by signing it.

Date, signature _____