

Protection concept, for finalists, guests and staff - Star's Voices 2022 (Status: 14.5.2021) (Subject to continuous adjustments)



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We are pleased to announce that the eighth edition of the Star's Voices International Final will be held in Switzerland - Locarno on Saturday 22 October 2022. Due to the current COVID 19 situation and for the protection of all participants, we have developed a protection concept. This protection concept can be adapted at any time to the subsequent steps and orders of the Swiss Federal Council or the Swiss Federal Office of Public Health. In the concept of protection, the male form is generally used. The goal is to make reading easier. However, the male form caters to all genders equally.

The three main pathways of coronavirus transmission (SARS-CoV-2) are: **Close contacts**

If you keep a distance of less than two meters from a sick person

Drops and Hands:

Contagious drops stick to the hands when coughing, sneezing or touching the mucous membranes. From there the viruses are transmitted to the surfaces. Another person can transmit viruses to the hands from there and thus reach the mouth, nose or eyes when touching the face.

Three basic principles for preventing transmissions:

Maintain distance, cleaning, surface disinfection and hand hygiene

- Protect people at particular risk
- Isolation of sick people and people who have had close contact with sick people

The principles for preventing transmission are based on the main transmission routes mentioned above. Transmission through close contact and through droplets can be avoided by respecting the distance rule or physical barriers. To avoid transmission through the hands, regular and accurate hand hygiene by all people and the cleaning of frequently touched surfaces is important.

Masks:

Star's Voices staff and finalists will wear a protective mask if the "2 meter rule" cannot be respected. The finalists and their relatives will bring sufficient protective masks with them and will be responsible for their safe use.

It is important to wear and remove the masks correctly. The following basic rules must be respected:

- Avoid touching the masks while wearing them. Once you have touched a used mask, clean your hands by washing them with soap and water or using a hand sanitizer.

Do not use the masks a second time.

- Never keep the masks after use, dispose of them immediately.

When removing the mask, since also the outside of the mask can contain pathogens, to avoid contaminating the hands, avoid touching the outside of the same. Carefully remove it from the elastic bands. After removal, the template must be immediately disposed of.

If the masks are removed for a short period of time (e.g. under the chin or on the forehead), there is a risk of spreading the drops containing the pathogen and contaminating themselves or other people. This is to be avoided.

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Our basic rules (according to the indications of the Federal Office of Public Health - Switzerland):

1. all people regularly clean their hands.
2. all people keep a distance of 2 m from each other.
3. regular cleaning of surfaces and objects after use, especially if touched by several people.
4. adequate protection of particularly vulnerable people (groups at risk).
5. invite sick people back home and instruct them to follow self-isolation according to the regulations. (Federal Office of Public Health - Switzerland).
6. consider specific aspects of the job, work situations and sectors in order to guarantee protection.
7. inform all other people concerned about the prescriptions, measures and behavior to be followed on the spot.
8. Management of the implementation of all protection, control and possible correction measures in an efficient way.

Covid19 Manager:

President Yvette Moiano is available for any information on COVID 19 and to answer all questions regarding the Star's Voices 2022 event, at the email address yvette@starsvoices.ch.

Specifications for Star's Voices 2022 staff, performers, musicians and singers:

The staff, artists, musicians and singers must strictly comply with the protective and hygiene measures adopted during the festival and on the premises.

Personal protective equipment (hygiene masks and protective gloves) will be provided to the Star's Voices staff in the context of the COVID19 pandemic at regular intervals, the staff will be informed and instructed on the following topics.

- Wear protective devices correctly
- Correct application of hygiene measures (hand washing, disinfection)
- Implementation and respect of protection measures
- Possible changes to the recommendations of the Federal Office of Public Health - Switzerland (FOPH)

Staff are not allowed to work if they are sick or with recognizable disease symptoms (including mild fever, signs of cold, shortness of breath). You must leave your job immediately and stay at home until the suspicion is clarified by a doctor. The staff are also asked to check their health before starting work, so as not to put other people at risk.

The Staff is invited to inform colleagues and external people in a friendly way of any incorrect behavior, if the protection and hygiene measures are not applied or are only partially applied.

Wardrobe for artists

The maximum number of people in the artist's dressing rooms must be indicated at the entrance (when identifying the door or room). The reference value is 4 m² per person.

To avoid unnecessary contact with other groups, accumulation of people and the formation of gatherings, the use of artists' wardrobes must be assigned to specific groups and marked at the entrance.

Surfaces (e.g. benches), door handles, toilets and lockers (lockers), which are often touched by multiple people in artists' wardrobes, must be cleaned twice a day (morning and evening) or after a change of occupation with commercial disinfectant. Waste in artists' wardrobes must be emptied and disposed of regularly.

Dirty clothes and personal items should be kept in the closets. The storage of personal items in the room are to be minimized. If the rule of 2 meters cannot be respected and / or the gathering of people cannot be avoided, the artists' wardrobes must be closed.

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Toilet / WC

The maximum number of people in the toilet / WC must be indicated at the entrance (when identifying the door or room). The reference value is 4 m² per person.

Queues in front of toilets / toilets should be avoided if possible. The rule of 2 meters in the waiting area must be strictly respected. If this is not possible due to space conditions, it is necessary to install adequate signs on the floor or set up waiting areas.

Surfaces, door handles, toilets and washbasins, which are often touched by several people in toilets / toilets, must be cleaned regularly with standard disinfectants. Waste also needs to be disposed of regularly. Electric compressed air hand dryers (such as DYSON Airblade) must be taken out of service. If people do not clean their hands well or do not clean themselves sufficiently with soap and water, there is a risk that droplets containing pathogens will be thrown into the air and distributed in the room.

Workshop Stage / lighting / sound / video technology

The maximum number of people in the space for stage technique, lighting, sound and video must be indicated on the front door. The reference value is 4 m² per person. The rule of distance of 2 meters must be strictly observed for all theatrical, lighting, sound and video activities. Employees' work and duties must be organized and planned so as to avoid, if possible, unnecessary contact with other employees.

Even the operators of the stage, on the bridges or on the upper machines must be performed in compliance with the rule of distance of 2 meters. If the rule of 2 meters away cannot be respected due to an activity (e.g. hanging the lighting in pairs), the following additional measures must be taken.

Limit the contact duration to max. 5 minutes. Thereafter, the 2-meter distance rule must be observed again for at least 10 minutes.

- Wear hygiene masks for longer contact periods (> 5 minutes). The requirement to wear masks is limited to people who get too close.

Wear protective gloves.

When connecting transmitters or other devices to people, it is not possible to maintain the gel distance of 2 meters. Direct physical contact is inevitable during these activities. The following protective measures must be taken.

Cover the wounds on the fingers and wear protective gloves.

- Limit the contact time to max. 5 minutes. Thereafter, the 2-meter distance rule must be observed again for at least 10 minutes.

- Wear hygienic masks for a longer duration of contact (> 5 minutes). Both people must wear a hygiene mask.

- The appliances must be thoroughly cleaned or disinfected after removal.

Camera team / camera operators

The rule of 2 meters distance must be strictly respected in all the activities of the cameraman and cameraman teams.

If the 2-meter distance rule cannot be met due to a task (e.g. close-ups or dynamic shots), the following additional measures must be taken.

Limit the contact duration to max. 5 minutes. Thereafter, the 2-meter distance rule must be observed again for at least 10 minutes.

Wear hygienic masks for a longer duration of contact (> 5 minutes) The obligation to wear masks is limited to people who get too close.

When calculating the maximum number of people in rehearsals and stages, people from the cameraman team or individual cameramen must be taken into account.

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Makeup

The maximum number of people in the make-up rooms must be indicated at the entrance on the entrance door of the room. The reference value is 4 m² per person.

The rule of distance of 2 meters must be strictly observed for all makeup activities. The trick must be organized and planned so as to avoid, if possible, unnecessary contact with other employees (also from other departments) and gatherings of people. As far as possible, artists must wear make-up on their own.

If the interpreters are rigged by a make-up artist, the rule of distance of 2 meters cannot be respected. Direct contact with the body and face is unavoidable during these activities for a longer period of time (> 5 minutes).

The following measures must be taken:

- Wash your hands with soap and water at the beginning and at the end.
- Thoroughly clean or disinfect tools and other aids (brushes, tassels, etc.) with a commercially available disinfectant.
- The performer must wear a disposable mask

The Make-up Artist must wear the following protective devices:

Protection mask FFP2 / 3 without valve
Safety glasses with side protection or hygiene mask
Protective visor / face shield

- Speaking during makeup should be kept to a minimum.
- Coughs and sneezes must be announced in advance from both sides, so that the makeup artist can briefly get out of the "contamination field" (rule of distance of 2 meters)
- Wash your hands regularly with soap and water, even during make-up. It is not practical to wear protective gloves during makeup.
- Clean or disinfect tools and other aids (brushes, tassels, etc.) again with the standard disinfectant at the end of the work.

Only the makeup artist and the artist can approach each other during the make-up. Other people who are not directly involved in makeup, but who wish to observe creation, need to be kept to a minimum. They must strictly comply with the rule of distance of 2 meters.

Disposable cloaks must be disposed of immediately after use. Reusable cloaks can be used only once and must be stored in a closed laundry basket and washed after use.

General procedure in case of suspicion:

A company regulation must be established for the rapid clarification of suspected cases of COVID disease19. Employees or people outside the company who exhibit COVID19 disease symptoms are required to immediately inform the company and / or the site.

Go home until the suspicion is cleared up by a doctor. Until the suspicion has been clarified by a doctor, the employee should be considered incapacitated for work.

If COVID19 disease is confirmed in employees by laboratory tests, isolation at home is required for at least 10 days - provided that the employee's general condition is good and hospitalization is not necessary. People who were in contact with these COVID19 employees 48 hours before the onset of symptoms should also be self-quarantined. The affected work areas of the sick person must be immediately disinfected.

48 hours after the symptoms subside, provided that at least 10 days have elapsed since the onset of symptoms, isolation can be terminated at home. In some cases, the recovery of the olfactory and gustatory nerves can take longer. Therefore, isolation can be terminated if the loss of smell and / or taste is the only symptom that persists after this time.

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General rehearsals / singing rehearsals / group rehearsals / dance rehearsals

- The maximum number of people for the rehearsals inside the theater will be indicated at the entrance on the entrance door of the hall. The reference value is 4 m² per person. People passing through the theater are not included in the reference value of 4 m² per person.
- Surfaces, door handles, instruments (piano etc.), dance floors (floor) and objects that are often touched by several people during the general rehearsals, singing rehearsals and dance rehearsals must be clean and / or disinfected regularly (at least once an hour) with a commercially available disinfectant before, during and after the tests.
- Before the start and end of each singing, dancing, group and / or general rehearsal, all participants must wash and / or disinfect their hands thoroughly with soap and water.
- The stage manager is responsible for the entry and exit of those present in the rehearsal room. Avoid unnecessary contact and / or gatherings of people.
- For the dance, a very important rule is to minimize the choreography in close contact with the body
- The rule of distance of 2 meters must be strictly observed during the general and / or individual tests. If the 2 meter rule cannot be respected due to lack of space, the prescribed measures must be taken.
- If the distance between the dancers cannot be maintained for a longer period of time (> 5 minutes) due to the choreography, the following measures must be taken.
- Formation of "fixed groups" (eg duets) who always stay together and try together.
- "Fixed groups" must be kept to a minimum.
- Avoid contact between "teams and / or groups" with other groups or people, even in the dressing rooms of the artists in the toilets and in the dining rooms.
- Minimize contact with staff.
- Persons belonging to the risk group must be excluded from the "fixed groups".
- Limit the close contact time to max. 5 minutes. Thereafter, the 2-meter distance rule must be observed again for at least 10 minutes.
- Wear hygienic masks for a longer duration of contact (> 5 minutes). The requirement to wear masks is limited to people who get too close.
- In the event that the situation requires the presence of more people, hourly breaks will be provided in order to ventilate the premises for at least 15 minutes (windows and / or doors)
- During breaks, avoid gatherings of people and queues in front of the toilets.
- The musician must wear a hygienic mask if the 2-meter distance rule cannot be respected.
- In case of absence of dressing rooms for the artists, the dancers, training clothes and different material will be left in the rehearsal room.
- The storage of personal items (e.g. training mats, etc.) in the rehearsal room will be kept to a minimum.
- At the end of the dance rehearsals, the dancers must bring all personal belongings out of the rehearsal room. Towels must be placed in closed laundry baskets and washed daily.
- The body temperature of all staff members and participants will be measured and documented before the start of the tests.
- All those present, competitors, companions, guests and staff declare their willingness to participate in the Contact-Tracing APP of the Confederation (Switzerland) and are willing to give the list, with those who could not maintain and respect the distance of 2 meters (> 5 minutes).
- Everyone must avoid contact with risk groups and / or sick people.
- Participants, guests, companions, "Star's Voices" staff will be informed of the measures to be taken and how to behave outside the Star's Voices festival (eg wearing hygienic masks when shopping or meeting friends).

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"Star's Voices" collaborators - Volunteering

The collaboration of the "Staff - Star's Voices" is voluntary. If the volunteer-staff believes that the risk of infection is too high, they can refuse to collaborate on Star's Voices 2022.

In the event that COVID19 disease is confirmed by laboratory diagnosis in a member of the "staff", isolation at home (self-isolation) of the entire "team-staff" is required for at least 10 days at home. people who have been in close contact with the sick person or the "team staff" concerned 48 hours before the onset of symptoms will be immediately informed. 48 hours after the symptoms subside, provided that at least 10 days have passed since the onset of symptoms, isolation at home can be stopped.

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