

COVID-19 PROTECTION FRAMEWORK INFORMATION

AUCKLAND WRITERS FESTIVAL COVID-19 POLICY

The health and safety of students, teachers, writers, volunteers, venue and Festival staff is our priority. As such, the Festival is following all Government guidelines under the Covid-19 Protection Framework.

Under Orange setting all staff, contractors, volunteers and venue staff are required to wear facemasks unless they are exempt.

BOOKINGS

Bookings for the Schools Programme are now open via Ticketmaster on 09 970 9745 or groups@ticketmaster.co.nz.

Ticketmaster will issue a confirmation within three working days of your booking, with invoices following on 1 June for immediate payment.

The Festival's Schools Programme (23-25 August) will only be presented if Auckland is at an Orange or Green Covid-19 Protection Framework setting at that time. Should the Festival have to be cancelled, all ticket monies will be refunded via Ticketmaster, with the exception of the \$11 booking fee levied by the ticketing agent.

If a school is unable to attend due to Covid disruption, partial or full refunds as applicable will be offered. Please contact the Festival to discuss on 09 376 8074 or schools@writersfestival.co.nz.

ON THE DAY ATTENDANCE

Under the Covid-19 Protection Framework all visitors to the Aotea Centre are asked to comply with conditions of entry and follow guidelines set out within the venue.

Whilst distancing between groups will be encouraged where practicable, please note that the venue will follow Covid-19 Protection Framework settings, including in Orange where distancing is not required. We cannot guarantee separation between school groups in the auditorium.

Good hygiene practice is encouraged, such as the wearing of face masks, regular hand washing and sanitising and keeping distance where practicable.

The venue staff regularly clean the bathrooms and other public areas in line with their enhanced on-site hygiene and safety measures. Onsite sanitiser stations are positioned at entry points.

If any students or accompanying teachers are unwell or have Covid-19 symptoms, have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid-19, are awaiting the results of a Covid-19 test, are subject to isolation requirements, and/or have visited a location of interest, we ask that you stay at home and do not enter the venue.

THESE GUIDELINES WILL BE REVIEWED IN THE LIGHT OF COVID-19 SETTINGS IN THE LEAD-UP TO AND AT THE TIME OF THE FESTIVAL, AND ANY UPDATES WILL BE NOTIFIED
