

Protection Plan

I. Premise

This Protection Plan defines the protective measures—in relation to the Covid-19 pandemic—for academic/administrative staff and for students of the Conservatorio, with the aim of reconciling their health and wellbeing with the rights to education of students.

It is based on the current regulations as defined by the federal and cantonal authorities, as well as on the relevant documentation of trade associations such as the Swiss Association of Music Schools ASSM (Verband Musikschulen Schweiz) or the Swiss Association of Professional Orchestras, which are also linked to the extraordinary situation caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

This Protection Plan covers all departments of the Conservatorio della Svizzera italiana Foundation (CSI): the School of Music (SMUS), the Pre-College department (PRE), and the University of Music (SUM).

The Protection Plan is a dynamic document. It will be updated every time new regulations will be issued by local authorities, or when newer relevant information will make its revision necessary.

The specific hygiene measures illustrated in this document are have been approved by the Head of the Applied Microbiology Laboratory at SUPSI.

We remind all persons that failing to observe the measures described in this Protection plan may have severe consequences.

Legal and formal basis

All regulations issued by the Federal Government in relation to the Covid-19 pandemic, available at:

<https://www.bag.admin.ch/bag/en/home/krankheiten/ausbrueche-epidemien-pandemien/aktuelle-ausbrueche-epidemien/novel-cov/massnahmen-des-bundes.html>

Specifically:

Ordinance on Measures during the Special Situation to combat the COVID-19 Epidemic (COVID-19 Ordinance Special Situation) from 23 June 2021, modified on 16 February 2022

<https://www.fedlex.admin.ch/eli/cc/2021/379/en>

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All provisions instituted by Cantonal authorities are also observed. These are available on:

<https://www4.ti.ch/dss/dsp/covid19/home/>

Specific directives and regulations of the CSI remain valid, specifically the Study and Personnel regulations.

For group activities and events, we refer to:

- SCHUTZKONZEPT im Rahmen der schrittweisen Lockerung der BAG-Massnahmen zum Schutz der Bevölkerung vor dem Coronavirus (COVID-19) für Theater-, Konzert- und Veranstaltungsbetriebe in der Schweiz vom vom 31. Mai 2021 (https://orchester.ch/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/210531-Muster-Schutzkonzept_COVID-19_Theater_Konzert_Veranstaltung_V5.1.pdf).
- The protection plans of local partners (e.g. LAC).

Furthermore, every information and all guidelines established by the Federal Office of Public Health (FOPH), which available in the following link, are taken into consideration:

<https://www.bag.admin.ch/bag/en/home/krankheiten/ausbrueche-epidemien-pandemien/aktuelle-ausbrueche-epidemien/novel-cov.html>

Responsibility

Responsibility is assigned to the Foundation's directorate, with the help of the Head of the Administration and the SUM directorate.

II. Federal and Cantonal provisions

Hygiene and behavioural regulations

The general rules established by the FOPH apply:

<https://www.bag.admin.ch/bag/en/home/krankheiten/ausbrueche-epidemien-pandemien/aktuelle-ausbrueche-epidemien/novel-cov/so-schuetzen-wir-uns.html>

Specifically:

- Keep your distance.

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- Wear a mask if it is not possible to keep your distance.
- Avoid shaking hands and other forms of physical contact.
- Wash your hands thoroughly and constantly.
- Cough and sneeze into a paper tissue or the crook of your arm.
- Stay at home if you experience symptoms.

Symptoms of the disease

The general rules established by the FOPH apply:

<https://www.bag.admin.ch/bag/en/home/krankheiten/ausbrueche-epidemien-pandemien/aktuelle-ausbrueche-epidemien/novel-cov/krankheit-symptome-behandlung-ursprung.html>

There is a very wide range of symptoms caused by the new coronavirus. The most common symptoms are:

- Respiratory illness symptoms (sore throat, cough (usually dry), shortness of breath, chest pain).
- High temperature.
- Sudden loss of sense of smell and/or taste.

Other symptoms may include:

- Headache.
- General weakness, feeling unwell.
- Aching muscles.
- Gastrointestinal symptoms (nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, stomach ache).
- Head cold.
- Skin rash.

Any student or staff member who suffers from any of these symptoms must stay at home, remain isolated and contact their doctor. The doctor will decide whether to be tested or not.

In case of doubt on the evaluation of symptoms, it is possible to call the Cantonal hotline 0800 144 144 (every day from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.) or get directly in contact with a doctor.

III. Specifications for the Conservatorio

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Contact with administrative staff

The CSI administration is fully operative.

Specific measures for the protection of CSI staff

Persons who belong to a high-risk group must observe the measures established by the FOPH:

<https://www.bag.admin.ch/bag/en/home/krankheiten/ausbrueche-epidemien-pandemien/aktuelle-ausbrueche-epidemien/novel-cov/besonders-gefaehrdete-menschen.html>

Persons belonging to this group must get in touch with their superior or with the Head of HR, Mr. Francesco Kliner.

Use of practice rooms

The air in teaching/practice rooms must be constantly changed by opening the windows for at least 3 minutes before and after every lesson or practice session.

Cleaning measures and disinfectants

All areas are regularly cleaned, while particular attention is given to exposed surfaces (door handles, taps, etc.).

Disinfectants may be found in the toilets on every floor. Furthermore, in areas where particular attention needs to be given to the cleanliness of hands, hand-disinfecting stations have been installed.

Opening hours

Until further notice, the following opening hours for the different buildings are in place:

Main building

- Monday to Sunday: from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Breganzona building

- Monday to Saturday: from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Sunday: closed

DR building (Radio building)

- Monday to Saturday: from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Sunday: closed

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The buildings in Mendrisio, Bellinzona, Pura, and Locarno are open only during teaching hours and are not available for individual practice.

Access to the library

The library will be open during regular office hours, from Monday to Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

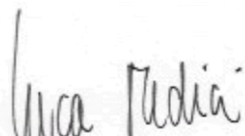
The directors of each CSI department remain available for clarifying any further question or concern.

The present Protection Plan substitutes the one from 7 February 2022 and will become valid on 17 February 2022.

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