

## **National Gallery of Australia Learning Covid-19 Safety Plan for Visiting Education and Booked Groups**

The learning team looks forward to welcoming students, teachers and booked groups to the National Gallery of Australia in early 2021. For those unable to visit we have expanded our digital programs so we can connect online. Digital Excursions are available for [primary](#), [secondary](#) and [tertiary](#).

Following advice from the ACT Government and Chief Medical Officer, the National Gallery reopened to the public on 2 June 2020. Timed ticketing has been implemented, as well as further safety measures. For more information about Gallery wide Covid-19 measures please see [here](#).

The Gallery has put in place measures to ensure the safety of visitors and staff.

- Some staff such as Front of House and Volunteer Guides will be wearing masks, other staff such as Educators may wear a mask at their discretion.
- Bookings are being accepted for groups of 66 participants or less per half hour from all states and territories (where they have the permission to travel from their Department of Education and Health jurisdictions). The National Gallery is doing regular reviews of government education and health websites and is following the advice published on these platforms. We reserve the right to not accept a booking from a known hotspot.
- We are managing bookings so that no two groups arrive at the same time where possible. The maximum of 66 participants per half hour timeslot will be adhered in early 2021. If more than one group is arriving or leaving at the same time as another, our Educators and Guides will manage this by ensuring groups social distance and are greeted and farewelled in different locations.
- Self-cloaking facilities are available. You are welcome to use this facility, but if possible, we recommend leaving belongings on the bus.
- Upon arrival groups will be greeted outside by our NGA Educators and offered hand sanitiser
- Educators will move through the Gallery avoiding congestion in spaces and ensure groups observe social distancing from general visitors. Primary students are not expected to observe social distancing within the group, however Secondary and Tertiary students and adults will be expected to maintain 1.5 meters from each other and other visitors wherever possible.
- Tertiary and educational adult groups can self-guide in small groups. Groups are required to have a self-guided booking via Book Canberra Excursions.
- Stools and shared materials are now permitted to be used in booked programs. If used there will be a rigorous cleaning procedure between uses.

- The Gallery has increased regular cleaning in high traffic and high touch point areas.
- Staff have been told to stay home if unwell. If a participant, student, or teacher in your group are unwell, please do not attend the Gallery.
- Regular reviews of directives given by the Department of Health, ACT Government Health, Safe Work Australia and Comcare to ensure current protocols and practices remain relevant and additional measures are implemented as requested.

Please note the following are suspended:

- Self-guiding programs for early learning, primary and secondary groups are discouraged, except for *Botticelli to Van Gogh: Masterpieces from the National Gallery, London*