

AGSA

AGSA's response to the COVID-19 outbreak

The Art Gallery of South Australia would like to share the following updates regarding our response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

While AGSA is aware and closely monitoring the situation on a daily basis, AGSA remains fully operational and all exhibitions and public programs remain open and operating as normal. We will immediately advise the public through our social media channels if that situation changes.

AGSA is currently exhibiting the 2020 Adelaide Biennial of Australian Art: *Monster Theatres*, the nation's most enduring celebration of Australian art and the major visual arts offering in Adelaide Festival. Nevertheless, we understand there are concerns regarding coronavirus and its impact on the Gallery.

We are closely monitoring and heeding advice from the World Health Organisation, South Australian government agencies, and other health organisations. As a public institution, we take responsibility to minimise the risk of infection very seriously and will continue to do our utmost to safeguard the health and safety of all our staff, volunteers and visitors. We continue to work closely with the South Australian Government's Department of Premier and Cabinet and event partners to minimise risk.

Safety Provisions taken by the Art Gallery of South Australia

- AGSA has increased cleaning on the premises, increased signage that encourages hygienic practices in the Gallery and implemented additional hand sanitation stations through the Gallery.
- AGSA has reinforced standard employee health practices, including sending employees home and encouraging employees who are unwell to stay home if their demonstrated health symptoms could impact upon colleagues or visitors.
- AGSA is aware that minimising the spread of germs and illness is critical and encourages patrons who are feeling unwell to wait until they are well enough to visit the Gallery and the 2020 Adelaide Biennial of Australian Art.
- We are in regular communication with staff and volunteers throughout the Gallery to ensure that we are taking steps to minimise the spread of germs. This includes following the Australian and South Australian Government's advice on travel.
- AGSA discourages staff from engaging in physical contact when greeting colleagues and visitors.

Statement from the World Health Organisation

"If you are not in an area where COVID-19 is spreading, or if you have not travelled from one of those areas or have not been in close contact with someone who has and is feeling unwell, your chances of getting it are currently low. However, it's understandable that you may feel stressed and anxious about the situation. It's a good idea to get the facts to help you accurately determine your risks so that you can take reasonable precautions. Your healthcare provider, your national public health authority and your employer are all potential sources of accurate information on COVID-19 and whether it is in your area. It is important to be informed of the situation where you live and take appropriate measures to protect yourself."

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