



Hygiene Concept

for events in the Nikolaisaal main auditorium and its foyer, 2022/23 season

(valid as of 06 September 2022)

A separate hygiene concept is required for performances with audiences in the Nikolaisaal. An additional hygiene concept applies to all procedures both onstage and backstage.

Contents of the document below are based on:

- There are currently no regulations or work safety regulations.

This hygiene concept is to be renewed continuously and updated according to respective measures for controlling the Covid-19-pandemic.

Hygiene Concept for access

The following rules apply

- Guests who do not have any symptoms and who have not been in contact with any Covid 19 patients during the previous 14 days can access the premises
- Wearing an FFP2-mask is recommended, however, it is not mandatory
- The spatially limited backstage area is not meant as a place for consuming food and drinks, the musicians' foyer has been reopened for these purposes
- The capacity has been reduced to 80% for in-house productions

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A Description of the venue Nikolaisaal

Main Auditorium

The main auditorium with its rows of fitted seating on two levels (stalls and circle) is designed for hosting 725 guests as normal maximum capacity. The size of the stage is 200 m². The size of the entire auditorium is 560 m². Two access points from the foyer are located opposite the stage and to the left and the right of the rows of seats respectively – both in the stalls as well as in the circle. The stage has three access points. A further access leads from the stage at the level of the audience auditorium to the Nikolaisaal storage facility or outdoors via a fire exit. The concert hall does not have any windows.

The Nikolaisaal is currently booked to capacity when rented out. For in-house productions its capacity has been reduced to 80%. (580 seats)

Foyer

The foyer is designed as a space for up to 725 people and for them as a space to spend time in before and after events in the main auditorium. There are no events taking place simultaneously in the 2 venues.

When used for performances the Nikolaisaal Foyer seats 199 people.

The foyer consists of two levels with outside walls and window areas. The size of the ground floor area is almost 300 m². The central foyer area has a size of 121 m² and is framed by columns, which serve as an optical border to the passage area between external and auditorium doors. A variable platform stage as well as light, sound and video equipment can be set up in this area whilst adhering to all distancing rules. The upstairs area has a size of around 220 m² and it is used by only a few audience members who are seated between the columns.

The Foyer is currently booked to capacity when rented out. For in-house productions its capacity has been reduced to 80%. (135 seats)

Rehearsal Hall

The rehearsal hall has a size of about 210 m² and has a main floor area at ground floor level and on three out of four fixed platform stages it offers a capacity of up to 190 guests depending on the seating arrangements.

B Hygiene Concept for the protection of performance visitors

1) Realizing all required hygiene regulations

- Wearing an FFP2-mask is recommended to all visitors
- Contactless disinfectants are provided at both foyer entrances. Visitors may make use of them when entering the building.
- Liquid soap, paper towels and warm water are provided in the bathroom facilities for personal hand hygiene.
- As far as possible all doors within the venue are to remain open to avoid any unnecessary contact with door handles.
- By purchasing a ticket, the purchaser accepts and agrees to complying with all hygiene regulations as are applicable at the time of the ticket holder's visit. Regulations are outlined prior to the purchase and updates, if applicable, are sent by email two days before the performance.
- Guests are required to follow all instructions (in case of fire, hygiene regulations etc.) given by front-of-house staff. In case guests refuse to comply with instructions staff may make use of house rules and in extreme cases may ask the person to leave the venue.

C Catering

- Counters and seating areas provided in the catering zone may be used when available.
- The Nikolaisaal's catering partner is Fine Dine Catering
- The contracted caterer provides a hygiene concept for the bar area and their staff

D Cleaning and ventilating the venue

Cleaning

- Cleaning services are provided by the cleaning company GRG
- The contracted cleaner provides a cleaning plan for the Nikolaisaal in due consideration of the hygiene requirements as per current pandemic control regulations and work safety regulations and a hygiene concept for their staff
- Cleaning intervals are documented by cleaning company GRG, change of intervals if required

Cleaning provided by Nikolaisaal Staff:

- Nikolaisaal staff clean all used stands, music racks, microphones, technical equipment, etc.

Ventilation

- Ventilation is provided in the rehearsal hall, the foyer and the main auditorium by means of the air conditioning system ensuring a high air exchange rate. The desired rate of 800 ppm is not to be exceeded. 1000 ppm is the threshold.
- Side rooms (changing rooms, tuning rooms etc.) must be ventilated individually by opening doors and windows.
- The air quality is monitored by CO2 measuring devices, ventilation habits must be adapted if required.
- The air conditioning system is turned on one hour before a performance begins.
- After the end of the work time rooms are to be ventilated for 45 minutes (alternatively up to a point when CO2 rates of 400 ppm are reached).