

## COVID SAFETY POLICY

**THE BRITISH INSTITUTE OF FLORENCE IS FOLLOWING THE GUIDELINES AND INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES.**

**In line with government policy in Italy, the British Institute of Florence is open for business. Currently the Library at Palazzo Lanfredini is open (Mon-Fri 14:30-18:30), and English language classes are being delivered at Viale Mazzini as normal.**

Masks are not mandatory anymore.

Vulnerable people are still recommended to wear a face mask covering nose and mouth at all times when they are in both British Institute buildings, including the lift. The authorities recommend that you use a FFP2 mask, and not a simple cloth one.

If mild symptoms are present, such as a cold or cough but without fever and no particular respiratory difficulties, access to both buildings is allowed with the recommendation to wear a personal FFP2 face mask.

Please do not come to either building if you have acute respiratory symptoms that could be COVID-19 (cold, cough, nausea, intense headache, loss of taste and smell) . We are obliged to deny access to anyone with a temperature of 37.5°C (99.5°F) or over, so we ask that you check your temperature before coming to us.

Gel for cleaning your hands is available at the entrance to both buildings and in all of the classrooms. Please use it on arrival and keep your hands clean at all times using either the gel available in each room or the soap in the toilets.

The British Institute of Florence ensures that all rooms are regularly sanitised and the air is changed frequently.

People who tested positive for COVID must remain in isolation and can come back to classes and events once they get a negative test result.

Those who have had close contact with confirmed COVID positive individuals must follow the provisions of the Ministry of Health Bulletin no. 19680 from 30/03/2022. They include the obligation to wear FFP2 face masks indoors and in crowded areas until the 10th day after the date of the last close contact. If symptoms similar to those of COVID occur during the self-monitoring period, it is recommended to immediately take an antigen or molecular test. In the event of a negative result, the test must be repeated if symptoms are still present on the 5th day after the date of the last close contact.

**We appreciate your cooperation with these rules so that everyone can enjoy the programmes of the British Institute ... and stay safe.**