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COVID-related Policies for the School of Music

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The ISU School of Music is committed to providing a safe environment for all of our students, faculty, and staff while continuing our educational and creative mission. The following information provides a list of policies and procedures for the School of Music specific to learning during the Coronavirus pandemic, based on our current understanding of CDC and Illinois public health guidelines, University guidelines, and industry-specific research findings as of July 19th, 2021. We remain committed to fostering a spirit of learning and scholarship, individualized attention, respect, collaboration, and inclusion during this time.

For the most up-to-date university Coronavirus information, please visit:
<https://coronavirus.illinoisstate.edu>.

General guidelines for students, faculty, and staff

- Each member of the School of Music must appreciate that they play a role in preventing the spread of COVID-19 and that acting in ways contrary to the University's required mitigation efforts puts themselves and others at risk.
- All students are expected to provide evidence of receiving the COVID-19 vaccination prior to the fall term.
- Students should submit their vaccination records to the secure Patient Health Portal by uploading an image of the COVID-19 Vaccination Report Card received at the time of vaccination or a COVID-19 immunization record provided by a healthcare provider.

<https://healthservices.illinoisstate.edu/secure/>

If you received your COVID-19 vaccination at an on-campus clinic, your COVID-19 vaccination record is already on file with Student Health Services. See the following for further details on vaccination records submission:

<https://news.illinoisstate.edu/2021/06/coronavirus-update-june-25-2021/>

- For students living in on-campus housing, records should be received prior to Move-In. For students living off-campus, records should be received by the first day of class (Monday, August 16).
- Students taking courses on campus who do not provide evidence of receiving the COVID-19 vaccine will be required to participate in the COVID-19 on-campus testing program. Further details about the testing program will be provided as the beginning of fall semester nears.
- **Face coverings and other modifications (such as bell covers) are not required for fully-vaccinated individuals.** However, individuals may elect to continue to wear face coverings and/or practice social distance if they wish, without judgement.
- **Individuals who are not fully-vaccinated are required to use face coverings in all indoor settings, including while singing or playing an instrument.** This includes using a modified



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mask for wind/brass players. Additionally, bell covers should be used by individuals who are not fully-vaccinated.

- **Fully-vaccinated** is defined as 14 days past either the first Johnson & Johnson vaccine or 14 days after the second Moderna or Pfizer vaccine.
- Any student needing to arrange a reasonable accommodation for a documented disability and/or medical/mental health condition should contact Student Access and Accommodation Services at 350 Fell Hall, (309) 438-5853, or visit the website at StudentAccess.IllinoisState.edu.
- Students who feel ill, whether related to COVID-19 or an unrelated illness, should stay home and contact Student Health Services (309-438-8655) for assistance. Students should also notify their instructors about their absence. If the absence is extended, students should contact the Dean of Students Office to facilitate the absence notification process:
<https://deanofstudents.illinoisstate.edu/contact/absence/>

Additional Information

- Please use hand sanitizer before using a piano in any room. You do not need to wipe down the piano directly.
- Brass players should empty spit valves onto a towel or onto “puppy pads,” not on the floor.
- Ensemble rehearsals greater than 50 minutes in length will include a minimum 10-minute break. (ex.: rehearse for 50 minutes, 10-minute break, rehearse for 50 minutes). We are working with ISU Facilities Management to continue to monitor the air circulation in our largest rehearsal and performance spaces.

Performances/Recitals/Recital Attendance

- At this time, we anticipate a regular concert season with a live audience. The School of Music will continue to provide live-stream access for most events.
- Masks will be required of any audience member who is not fully-vaccinated.
- Recital Attendance (MUS 110) will return to in-person concert attendance.

Practice Room Reservations

- While a final determination about practice room reservations has not yet been made, it is likely that we will utilize a reservation system for some practice rooms but not others. This would hopefully allow some advance planning opportunities for students who need it as well as flexibility for practice room usage. Thank you to those students who completed the recent survey on this question.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Interim Director Dr. Adriana Ransom at: aransom@ilstu.edu/309-438-8920.