

Keene Theater Fall 2022 Safety Guidelines

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U-M Mask Mandate

University of Michigan Facilities & Operations Office of Environment, Health & Safety (EHS) has removed the mask mandate as of May 2, 2022. Masks remain [required](#) in patient care areas and at campus COVID-19 testing sites.

Audiences for all RC - Keene Theater performances and events are no longer required to wear a mask. Vaccine checks for ticketed events ended effective March 14, 2022.

All guidelines listed below are subject to change, based on recommendations from university public health officials.

COVID Protocol for Rehearsals and Performances

Protocol for Close Contact with COVID

The CDC, EHS, and SMTD are drawing a distinction between “**community contact**” (close contact with COVID at work or school) and “**personal contact**” (close contact with COVID at home/from a roommate).

If someone has been in close contact with COVID and it is a “**community contact**”, they do not need to follow a period of strict masking. They may continue with activities following the above guidelines but should test immediately if symptoms develop.

If someone has been in close contact with COVID and it is a “**personal contact**”, they must mask for 10 days following the contact. This is a strict masking requirement. Wind and brass players may only play their instruments alone in practice rooms and may not participate in rehearsals or performances during this masking period.

Protocol for Positive COVID Test

If an individual tests positive for COVID they must remain in isolation (at home) for five days after their positive test result. Day zero is the day the test was administered. The individual must isolate for five full days after the test day and then may return to activity on day six.

Symptomatic faculty and staff may use the day of symptom onset as day zero. Students must use the date the test was administered as day zero. ([Learn more about how to count days in isolation after a positive test.](#))

If an individual is looking to travel after a positive COVID test, the isolation period is a full 10 days before travel is allowed (test or symptom onset date is Day Zero, travel is allowed on day 11).

If symptomatic the isolated individual's symptoms must be resolving and they must be free from fever for 24 hours before they resume activities. If the symptoms are worsening or staying the same, they must stay home until symptoms are resolving.

After isolation, the individual can resume campus activities but must remain masked **at all times** for an additional **five days**. This includes rehearsals and practice rooms (brass and wind players may not play their instruments on campus during this period).

What responsibilities do students have to attend to public health requirements, such as distancing and masking?

In 2020, the University implemented an COVID-related [Addendum to the Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities](#). This addendum recognizes the responsibility of students to attend to public health guidelines, and specifies areas that would indicate violations of this statement:

Supplementary Student Responsibilities

In addition to the responsibilities set forth in Section IV of the Statement , the following violations would apply:

1. Members of the Student community are expected to comply with health and safety laws, orders, ordinances, regulations or health and safety guidance adopted by the University as it relates to public health crises, including COVID-19, where failure to do so may result in public health risk. This guidance will evolve as the public health crisis evolves and may include, but is not limited to, social distancing, mandatory COVID-19 testing, de-densifying efforts, limitations on mass gatherings, wearing a face covering, contact tracing, and quarantine / isolation requirements.
2. Failure to comply with the public health guidance adopted by the U-M as it relates to face coverings, which is subject to change and which is currently located at: <http://ehs.umich.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/U-M-Face-Covering-Policy-for-COVID-19.pdf>
3. Failure to participate in and maintain isolation and/or quarantine, as instructed by a health

care provider or public health officials, which may include U-M Environmental health and safety

4. Hosting or attending a social gathering larger than the allowable limits set by any state or local law or University policy. This provision does not preclude constitutionally protected activity, such as protesting, or individuals who may be residing together in a single household.

What further consequences might be applicable to students who refuse to comply with public health measures?

Faculty and/or staff who are concerned about repeated violations of public health measures should report the student and situation to the appropriate Associate Dean, who will file a complaint with the Office of Student Conflict Resolution.

The Addendum to the Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities outlines additional measures that may apply for students who refuse to comply with required public health measures as follows:

Enforcement/Compliance

Interim Measures. Section VII, Procedures, of the Statement are here clarified to include interim measures as follows: if a student's actions pose an immediate health or safety risk to any member of the University of Michigan – Ann Arbor community, the Vice President for Student Life or designee may institute interim measures, including removal from in-person activities related to the University, effective immediately. The process described in the Emergency Suspension section of the Statement would follow the issuance of any interim measure.

Student Resources

Mental Health Resources

[Counseling and Psychological Services Center \(CAPS\)](#): 734-764-8312 or email the CAPS virtual front desk.

Embedded SMTD CAPS Counselor: Emily Laura Hyssong, LMSW, [email](#)

For mental health information and online resources, please consult [MiTalk](#) or the [U-M CAPS Stressbusters App](#).

CAPS COVID-19 Specific Support:

Mental Health Care Package: Coping with COVID 19 | UM Counseling and Psychological Services
If you are in crisis, please call 911, CAPS at 734-764-8312, or [email the CAPS virtual front desk](#) or U-M Psychiatric Emergency Services (PES) at 734-936-5900. [Directions to PES](#).

[Wellness Resources](#)

[Housing Resources](#)

[Maize & Blue Cupboard](#)

College students and staff are experiencing food insecurity at alarming rates. The Maize and Blue Cupboard is here to provide an immediate and comprehensive response for the U-M community.

For a list of U-M student resources and information, visit [Campus Maize and Blueprint](#).

To Reach the Manager of the Keene Theater for general questions via eMail

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