

## **WOU CREATIVE ARTS DIVISION COVID MITIGATION PLAN FOR LIVE EVENTS**

### **COVID-19 Requirements for All Live Performance Events**

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Western Oregon University's Division of Creative Arts announces its new COVID-19 mitigation requirements, effective 09/15/21, to ensure the safe and successful return and continuation of live performances at WOU.

#### **What to expect:**

All attendees to live performing arts events at WOU must provide a matching photo ID with one of the following: either proof of vaccination against COVID-19 completed at least two weeks prior to the event, or proof of a negative result for a COVID-19 test taken within 72 hours of the show.

All attendees, regardless of vaccination status or test result, are required to wear masks at all performances and events, in accordance with CDC and state guidelines for indoor gatherings.

These requirements will remain in place until Western Oregon University alters the policies based on recommendations put forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Oregon Health Authority.

#### **Details:**

Attendees over the age of 12 must provide a matching photo ID with one of the following: either proof of vaccination against COVID-19 completed at least two weeks prior to the event, or provide proof of a negative result for a COVID-19 test taken within 72 hours of the show. Proof of vaccination must be in the form of a vaccine card or record or a photo of a vaccine card or record. Proof of a negative test result may be in printed or digital format.

Attendees under the age of 12 must provide proof of a negative result for a COVID-19 test taken within 72 hours of the show. Proof of a negative test result may be in printed or digital format.

Masks must be worn at all times while visiting WOU performing arts events except when eating or drinking in designated areas. All masks must completely cover the nose and mouth and comply with the CDC guidelines for acceptable face coverings.

[https://www2.wou.edu/nora/policy.entry.view\\_policy/?ppolicyid=1077](https://www2.wou.edu/nora/policy.entry.view_policy/?ppolicyid=1077)

If you do not have a mask, Western Oregon University will have masks available at the door.

For additional details related to updated mitigation requirements please visit

<https://www.oregon.gov/gov/Documents/updated-mitigation-measures-coronavirus-response.pdf>

**Additional Information:**

**Student Performances** - We are allowing refunds on all tickets to accommodate those not willing or able to meet these requirements. Also, if you have tested positive for COVID-19, are waiting for COVID-19 test results, have COVID-19 symptoms or if you have had close contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 please stay home and request a refund prior to the show. To receive a refund for your tickets, contact the WOU box office at 503-838-8462.

**Smith Fine Arts Series (SFAS) Performances** - If you are not willing or able to meet the requirements above, or cannot attend for some other reason, tickets can be exchanged into a performance later in the season; there are no refunds if a performance takes place. Should a performance need to be canceled, ticket proceeds will be refunded or donated back to SFAS based on ticket holder preference; if no preference has been communicated after 90 days, ticket proceeds will default to being a charitable contribution to SFAS. To request an exchange prior to a performance or to express preference after a performance has been canceled, contact the SFAS box office at 503-838-8333.

*These safety measures were created with the health and wellbeing of our students, artists, event employees and volunteers, production staff, audience, and the community in mind. If the level of community transmission changes, these requirements may be lifted or altered. Due to the often changing public health environment, all rules and guidelines are subject to change. You can play a part in decreasing COVID-19 transmission levels in our community; wear a mask, get vaccinated, and stay safe.*

**\*Additional Details for Performers/Performances(Actors/Musicians/Dancers):**

**Procedure For Requesting Exemptions to WOU Face Covering Policy:** All CAD and SFA performances/events that involve unmasked performers must be approved by the President's Cabinet. These proposals must be submitted to the chair of the division of creative arts (David Janowiak) three-four weeks prior to the proposed event. The proposals will be carried to the Dean of LAS (Kathy Cassity) for initial review and recommendations before they are forwarded to Provost Rob Winningham for presentation before the President's Cabinet. All approvals are subject to alteration based on the changing public health environment,

<https://govstatus.egov.com/or-oha-face-coverings>

\*WOU may need to cancel events or modify safety measures if conditions warrant.

**For Actors in Live Theatre Events (If exemption is granted):** When giving a theatre performance, the actors can be unmasked while on stage. No member of the public, including audience members, may be within 20 feet of unmasked actors. Seating will be clearly marked where people are unable to sit, in addition to any ticketing adjustments. Actors must put on a mask or appropriate face covering as soon as they are off stage, even if they will later come back on stage. This exception does not apply to rehearsals.

**For Musicians/Singers in Live Music Events (If exemption is granted):** When giving a music performance, the musicians can be unmasked only when singing. No member of the public, including audience members, may be within 20 feet of unmasked musicians. Seating will be clearly marked where people are unable to sit, in addition to any ticketing adjustments. Musicians must put on a mask or appropriate face covering as soon as they are off stage, even if they will later come back on stage.

**For Dancers in Live Dance Events (If exemption is granted):** When giving a dance performance, the dancers can be unmasked only when singing or speaking. No member of the public, including audience members, may be within 20 feet of unmasked dancers. Seating will be clearly marked where people are unable to sit, in addition to any ticketing adjustments. Dancers must put on a mask or appropriate face covering as soon as they are off stage, even if they will later come back on stage.

**Room Capacity:** All performances in Rice Auditorium will maintain a 75% max room capacity for all approved events.