

School of Music Operations

August 23, 2021

Voice/Woodwind/Brass Lessons

Each voice studio has been supplied with a plexiglass barrier and an air purifier. The student and instructor will be separated by a plexiglass barrier and the student is allowed to remove their mask when performing. The instructor should remain masked unless demonstrating for the student.

Strings and Piano Lessons

Each studio has been supplied with an air purifier. Both student and instructor will be masked for lessons. If the studio is equipped with a plexiglass barrier, the student or teacher may remove their mask for short periods as long as the air purifier is running.

Instrumental Ensembles and Chamber Groups

Woodwind and Brass performers may lower their masks to play but must replace the mask, covering the nose and mouth, when not playing. Students are required to use bell covers. Students may remove bell covers to use mutes.

Vocal Ensembles

All vocal ensembles (choirs and opera) will rehearse with singers masked and 6-feet apart. Unmasked singing may occur if rehearsing outside.

Practice Rooms

Students may remove masks to practice when in a practice room by themselves. Unvaccinated students should note that bioaerosols remain until the HVAC system filters the air, which can take up to 25 minutes. Unvaccinated students should build 25 minutes of airing out time at the beginning of their practice session to allow for bioaerosols to dissipate.

Sight Singing

Masks are required for all sight singing classes and any testing for those courses that take place in faculty offices.

Performances and Studio Classes

Student, faculty, and external guest performers must wear a mask when in indoor spaces on owned or leased University property when in close proximity to others but may remove their masks while performing if on stage and at least 10 feet from the audience. For studio classes that take place in classrooms, the performer may remove their mask when there is at least 10 feet distancing from the audience, there is a plexiglass barrier, and an air purifier is running.

Techniques Instruments

Instruments used in techniques and methods classes will be sanitized according to the frequency of use specific to the plans that will be shared by the instructor, and/or by the Music Office staff.