Information in this document has been archived and has since been replaced with more recent guidance.
Directors, Producers, Conductors, Actors, Dancers, Musicians, Other Performers, Employees and Volunteers

Patrons

Auditions, Rehearsals, and Performances

Equipment
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- In “know before you go” communications to patrons, let them know that face coverings must be worn by anyone who is unvaccinated at all times, especially during intermission and in restrooms, except for allowable exceptions.
- Where a box office/will call window does not already have a glass partition between ticketing staff and patrons, install a physical barrier to maintain social distancing.
- Establish directional pathways using signage and floor markings/visual cues, etc., to manage the flow of patrons to promote social distancing at the box office/will call window, when entering and exiting the theater/facility, during the security/bag check, coat check, intermission, in and out of restrooms, at retail/concessions operations, etc.
- Monitor and limit the number of individuals in the lobby area and restrooms to enable at least 6 feet of social distancing or anyone who is unvaccinated.
- Adequate time should be allotted between performances to allow for proper cleaning and disinfection.
- Dressing rooms and other shared spaces should be cleaned and sanitized frequently. Unvaccinated individuals must maintain social distancing while in these rooms and wear facial coverings at all times.
- Discontinue use of self-service racks of flyers, brochures, etc., promoting upcoming performances, etc.
- Consider ways to schedule staggered ingress in order to minimize lines for security check, ticket scanning, coat check, etc.
- Consider not holding intermissions to minimize congregating/lines in the lobby, restroom, etc.
- If an intermission is held, announce at the start that facial coverings must be worn by anyone who is unvaccinated, congregating in the lobby is discouraged, and patrons should return to their seats as quickly as possible.

Musicians/Orchestras

- Because playing some musical instruments involves breathing deeply and expelling air forcefully, the risk of airborne transmission of COVID-19 may be increased. For unvaccinated musicians, performance space onstage and in orchestra pits should be arranged to maximize as much social distancing as possible.
- Unvaccinated onstage performers should maintain at least 6 feet of social distancing (and preferably more) from musicians who are also onstage or in the orchestra pit.
- Take measures to reduce the spread of air expelled from musical instruments such as installing bell/instrument covers.
- To enable any necessary social distancing, have musicians play from offstage instead of in the orchestra pit.

Concessions and Retail Vendors

- Follow Ohio guidance for restaurants and bars and for the consumer, retail, services, and entertainment sector.

Equipment (cont.)

- Do not share towels or facial coverings.
- Do not share water bottles or other drinks.
- Do not share food.
- Ensure adequate equipment to prevent the need for sharing (e.g., microphones).

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