



## Peabody Institute guidance for applied instruction – Fall 2021

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These guidelines contain recommended health and safety protocols for The Johns Hopkins University's gradual, multiphase resumption of on-campus activities. It is intended to apply to all members of our Peabody community—Johns Hopkins affiliates (faculty, staff, students, post-doctoral fellows, and trainees), as well as contractors, vendors, visitors, and guests—while on campus or in university facilities. We anticipate that these guidelines will evolve as the changing severity of the pandemic and our ability to respond to it allow us to move through the phases of our return-to-campus framework, subject to state and local regulations and our own public health assessment.

- Johns Hopkins University is planning for the return of activity to our campuses, with the hope and expectation that **the university will be substantially back to normal this fall**. [More information](#)
- All on-site faculty and staff are **required to be vaccinated by Aug. 1**. [More information](#)
- All students coming to campuses in the U.S. this fall who do not have exemptions are **required to be vaccinated**. [More information](#)
- The university is planning for **the majority of staff and faculty to return to campus** in person by mid-August. [More information](#)
- The university is hosting on-campus clinics at which **faculty, staff, students, and contractors can receive a COVID-19 vaccine**. Vaccinations are free and staff can use COVID-19 vaccine leave for time off while they receive or recover from the vaccination. [More information](#)
- JHU campuses **no longer require face coverings in most outdoor spaces when 6 feet of distance can be maintained**. [More information](#)

### Masking, distancing, and testing

- Physical distancing requirements have been lifted indoors and outdoors effective July 1, though we recommend continued distancing for those who are not vaccinated.
- In accordance with Baltimore City guidelines, masks will still be required indoors in classrooms, labs, common spaces, and shared offices. If the city eliminates its indoor masking mandate, we may do so as well, but only for those who have been vaccinated.
- Once-weekly COVID testing will be required for vaccinated residential undergraduates.
- Twice-weekly testing will be required for all unvaccinated faculty, students, and staff.
- Asymptomatic testing on-demand will remain available for all affiliates.
- Symptomatic testing is arranged by the [JHCCC](#).

### Other policies

- Daily health checks through Prodensity remain required.
- Visitors and guests will be allowed on campus but must follow the same COVID safety rules as JHU affiliates.

## **Private Instruction**

### Private lessons for Keyboard, Strings, Harp, Guitar, Percussion, and Music for New Media

- Masking for all participants
- Room air exchanges between lessons are no longer required

### Private lessons for wind, brass and voice

- Masking for all participants
- Bell covers and instrument bags will not be required
- Students will maintain a 6 ft (7.5 ft on-center) social distance between teacher (and/or accompanist) and student
- Practice water key etiquette. Drape water valve and collect condensate in towel or WindSorb. Disinfect towel/WindSorb after use.
- Lessons of no more than 60 minutes
- Low-latency rooms may also be utilized and will be required for any unvaccinated students
- Room air exchanges between lessons are no longer required

## **Ensemble Classes**

### Instrumental Ensembles, Repertoire and Studio Classes

- Masking required for all individuals. Woodwinds and Brass students will wear a mask while playing which includes a small straight slit in a surgical style mask, or commercially available masks for this purpose. This mask is for playing, not general use outside of rehearsal.
- Bell covers and instrument bags will be required for brass and woodwind instruments.
- Social distancing of 3 ft (4.5 ft on-center) for wind and brass
- Students who are unvaccinated either at the beginning of the semester or due to an approved vaccine exemption will need to maintain social distancing of 6 ft (7.5ft on-center)
- Practice water key etiquette. Drape water valve and collect condensate in towel or WindSorb. Disinfect towel/WindSorb after use.
- Ensembles may rehearse for their normal class length
- Following a rehearsal that includes winds or brass the room will be room vacant to allow for a minimum of 3 air exchanges.

### Choral Ensembles and Opera classes

- Singers will continue to rehearse masked until specific masking recommendations related to indoor choral singing change
- Social distancing of 6 ft (7.5ft on-center)
- Ensembles may rehearse for their normal class length
- Following rehearsal, the room will be room vacant to allow for a minimum of 3 air exchanges.

### Dance classes

- Masking required for all individuals at all times, including while dancing
- Social distancing will no longer required and dancing in close proximity including contact during dancing is now permitted
- Classes may meet for their normal class length

- Room air exchanges between classes are no longer required