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, trainees, and Preparatory students), 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
- The Preparatory is planning for staff and faculty to return to campus. More information
- All eligible students coming to any Preparatory campus this fall who do not have exemptions are required to be vaccinated. More information
- JHU campuses no longer require face coverings in most outdoor spaces when 6 feet of distance can be maintained. More information

Masking and distancing

- Physical distancing requirements have been lifted indoors and outdoors effective July 1, though continued distancing for those who are not vaccinated and granted an exemption to return to campus is required.
- 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.

Other policies

- Health checks through AUXS Safety App remain required for any Preparatory student coming to campus.
- Parents will be allowed on campus but must follow the same COVID safety rules as JHU guests.
For students under the age of 12 AND vaccinated students 12 years and older:

Private Instruction

Private lessons for Keyboard, Strings, Harp, Guitar, and Percussion
- 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
- 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 due to an approved vaccine exemption or students who have completed one vaccine dose and are awaiting their second dose are approved to return to campus but will need to maintain social distancing of 6 ft (7.5 ft on-center) in ensembles, repertoire or studio classes
- 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
- Singers will continue to rehearse masked until specific masking recommendations related to indoor choral singing change
- Social distancing of 6 ft (7.5 ft 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

For unvaccinated students 12 years and older:

Private Instruction

Private lessons for Keyboard, Strings, Harp, Guitar, and Percussion
• Students required to remain online

Private lessons for wind, brass and voice
• Students required to remain online

Ensemble Classes

Instrumental Ensembles, Repertoire and Studio Classes
• Students required to remain online. Given the varying degree of access to appropriate technology throughout the Preparatory campus locations, the Preparatory cannot guarantee that all group classes can accommodate both in-person and online participants. Priority will be given to in-person students. Refunds will be issued to students who cannot be accommodated online.

Choral Ensembles and Opera classes
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For unvaccinated students 12 years and older granted an exemption:

Private Instruction

Private lessons for Keyboard, Strings, Harp, Guitar, and Percussion
• Masking and distancing for all participants
• Room air exchanges between lessons are no longer required
Private lessons for wind, brass and voice
- Students required to remain online or low-latency rooms may also be utilized when available and will be required for any unvaccinated students. Access to low-latency rooms is only available on Saturdays at the Downtown campus.

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 6 ft (7.5ft on-center) for wind and brass
- Practice water key etiquette. Drape water valve and collect condensate in towel or WindSorb. Disinfect towel/WindSorb after use.
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- Masking required for all individuals at all times, including while dancing
- Social distancing of 6 ft (7.5ft on-center)
- Classes may meet for their normal class length
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