Peabody Institute guidance for applied instruction – Spring 2022
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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 on-campus activities, subject to state and local regulations and our own public health assessment.

- All eligible Johns Hopkins University faculty, staff, postdoctoral fellows, and undergraduate and graduate students who will be working or studying at a U.S.-based university campus or worksite will be required to get either the Pfizer or Moderna COVID booster shot by Feb. 1, 2022. More information
- The university is hosting on-campus clinics at which faculty, staff, students, and contractors can receive a COVID-19 vaccine booster. Vaccinations are free and staff can use COVID-19 vaccine leave for time off while they receive or recover from the vaccination. More information

Masking, distancing, and testing

- Physical distancing requirements have been lifted indoors and outdoors effective July 1, 2021 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.
- Twice-weekly COVID testing will be required for all students.
- 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 continue to be 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, Composition and Music for New Media

- Masking for all individuals at all times.
- Room air exchanges between lessons are no longer required
Private lessons for Wind and Brass

- Wind and brass students must have 3 Covid tests during the testing week (Monday-Saturday), with each test being at least 48 hours apart.
- All students must continue to wear approved masks at all times when not playing, including in rehearsals during rests in movements and when the conductor is providing direction to the group.
  - Students should be prepared to quickly masks when not playing.
  - Approved masks include N95, KN95, or KF94 masks (or a combination of a surgical and cloth mask).
- Students who do not comply with the testing requirement (3 times per week, at least 48 hours a part) will not be able to play in ensembles during the subsequent week.
  - Students will still be required to attend ensemble class and audit during those rehearsals.
- Testing 3 times per week will be required for wind & brass students each week regardless of rotation assignments.
  - Noncompliance may affect your private lessons, studio classes and chamber music rehearsals with some faculty members possibly requiring students to have their lessons in low latency studios or requiring instrument covers in other settings.
- 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

Private lessons for Voice

- Masking required for all individuals at all times.
- Students will maintain a 6 ft (7.5 ft on-center) social distance between teacher (and/or accompanist) and student
- 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

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  - Students should be prepared to quickly masks when not playing.
  - Approved masks include N95, KN95, or KF94 masks (or a combination of a surgical and cloth mask).
• Students who do not comply with the testing requirement (3 times per week, at least 48 hours a part) will not be able to play in ensembles during the subsequent week.
  o Students will still be required to attend ensemble class and audit during those rehearsals.
• Testing 3 times per week will be required for wind & brass students each week regardless of rotation assignments.
  o Noncompliance may affect your private lessons, studio classes and chamber music rehearsals with some faculty members possibly requiring students to have their lessons in low latency studios or requiring instrument covers in other settings.
• Social distancing of 3 ft (4.5 ft on-center) for wind and brass
• Students who are unvaccinated due to an approved vaccine exemption will need to maintain social distancing of 6 ft (7.5ft on-center) and continue with masking and bell covers or instrument bags until further notice.
• 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
• Masking for all individuals at all times. Voice students will wear the provided singer-specific mask provided by the ensemble office while singing. This mask is for singing, not general use outside of rehearsal.
• Social distancing no longer required
• 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 for all individuals at all times
• 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

Audiences

Audiences for Peabody performances will be limited to JHU affiliates only as the semester begins except for family members attending degree recitals. A decision to expand attendance to the general public for performances will made in consultation with the JHU Health and Safety Committee as local conditions related to COVID-19 transmission improve.