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 though we recommend continued distancing for those who are not vaccinated.
- Beginning March 9, 2022 masking in university administrative spaces, research labs, public spaces, public events, athletic facilities and nonclassroom communal spaces such as residence halls and libraries, and in applied instructional settings, will be optional for those who are vaccinated and boosted.
- Students will need to remain masked in traditional academic classroom settings
- Audiences at Peabody concerts will have the option of being unmasked.
- Once-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

- Effective March 19, all campus guests older than 5 years old who will be inside campus-operated buildings in the U.S. for more than one day (e.g., guests who are participating in on-campus programs) are expected to comply with university COVID vaccination requirements already in place for our affiliates. The divisions that host on-campus guests are responsible for communicating the vaccination requirement and ensuring compliance.
• Food service will be allowed at indoor events. Physical distancing should still be maintained where feasible. Remaining restrictions on off-campus business meals, which are currently limited to four people together, also are lifted.

Private Instruction

Private lessons for all disciplines

• Masking no longer required for students during lessons.
• Faculty may remove their mask during instruction if able to maintain 6 ft distance
• 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 and other Applied Instruction

Instrumental and Vocal Ensembles and Repertoire, Studio, Dance and Opera Classes

• Masking no longer required for students during rehearsals, classes, or performances
• Faculty may remove their mask during instruction if able to maintain 6 ft distance
• Room air exchanges between lessons are no longer required
• Students who are unvaccinated due to an approved vaccine exemption will need to continue with masking and bell covers or instrument bags until further notice.
• Ensembles may rehearsal for normal class length
• Distancing for brass players no longer required
• Plexi-glass dividers no longer required.

Recitals

No masking or distancing requirements for fully vaccinated and boosted students for recitals

Audiences

All performances are now open to the general public and hall capacities limitations have been lifted. Audiences have the option to be unmasked.