

# Covid-19 Safety Practices, Fall 2021

Focal Point believes that with very effective and safe vaccines readily available, it is now possible to resume indoor shows with relative safety under certain conditions, including taking advantage of the low possibility of virus transmission between vaccinated persons. When indoor shows resume, Focal Point will observe the following Covid-19 mitigation practices until further notice:

- Admission to shows will require proof of full Covid-19 vaccination or a negative test. We will ask to see a vaccination card or a photo of the card (phone photo is OK), or proof from a testing facility of either a negative PCR test within 72 hours of the show or an antigen (rapid) test within 24 hours. Self-administered home tests are not acceptable. This requirement also applies to musicians, their crew if any, and Focal Point volunteers working the show.
- Masks are required to be worn when the room is open to the public except when lowered to sip a beverage. Performers are not required to wear a mask while on stage or among themselves backstage, but must do so if mixing with members of the audience.
- Focal Point has upgraded its ventilation system to accept MERV13 filters, which are recommended as effective in removing particles of the size that carry the virus causing Covid-19\*. HVAC fans will be set to run continuously while the building is in use, under which conditions the system is rated to recirculate a room-full of air through the filters 12 times per hour, plus completely replace a room-full of air with outside air once per hour.
- Advance ticket purchases will be encouraged by discounts and facilitated by links on our web page. Refunds for advance tickets will be issued if requested before the show.
- Admissions credentials will be checked outside the front door to the extent possible.
- Contact surfaces within the room are minimized. No food or drink is sold. Patrons may bring in their own beverage.
- Hand sanitizer will be available just inside the front door.
- Restrooms are shared with *Casa Maya*, a restaurant in the same building. They are cleaned and sanitized multiple times daily.
- Focal Point will adhere to applicable Covid-19 recommendations or regulations from the St Louis County Department of Public Health. These may be seen at <https://stlouiscountymo.gov/st-louis-county-departments/public-health/covid-19/advisories-safety-recommendations/>

We will periodically review these practices and revise as conditions change.

\*<https://www.ashrae.org/file%20library/technical%20resources/covid-19/core-recommendations-for-reducing-airborne-infectious-aerosol-exposure.pdf>

\*<https://www.ashrae.org/technical-resources/filtration-and-disinfection-faq>