

New Draft for Performing Arts Venue Guidance – (as of April 22, 2021)

Recommended General Protection:

1. Follow Universal Best Practices.
2. Follow Restaurant and Food Service Guidance where applicable.
3. Follow CDC Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting.
4. Follow Retail Guidance where applicable.
5. Follow Amusement Park Guidance where applicable.
6. Follow Large Outdoor Venue Guidance where applicable.

Recommended Consumer Protection:

1. NH performing arts venues recommend that all customers, employees, and volunteers wear a cloth face covering while in a performing arts venue except when consuming food and beverages.
2. At Outdoor performing arts venues, customers, employees, volunteers, performers and stage personnel may temporarily remove their masks when no other individuals are within 6 feet.

Recommended General Business Process Adaptations:

1. Events should incorporate social distancing into the operation of restrooms, performance/event seating, and food service. Where possible establish in-seat food service to minimize congregation points. Special consideration should be taken with parking and public transportation (shuttle buses, golf carts, carriages, etc.).
2. Any location where people may queue up — ticket booths, restrooms, water stations, food and beverage sales— should have markings, where practical, to reinforce social distancing.
3. Organizers should consider designating specific entrances/exits where possible to alleviate issues with bottlenecks.
4. An 8-foot buffer should be maintained between performers and audience.
5. Performing arts venues should have a site/event specific communication plan to inform attendees prior to their visit about health and safety practices at the event and other information attendees need upon arrival. Venues are encouraged to use all of the following methods to inform patrons of the venue health and safety practices: websites, social media, email or texts, and print.
6. Capacity will be a local individual business decision; however, the following capacity options are recommended:
 - i. Current: incorporate 6-foot social distancing between seated groups, with masking not needed when seated.
 - ii. Effective 5/28/21: Incorporate 3-foot social distancing between seated groups, capacity based on maintaining 3-foot distancing, masks needed when seated.
 - iii. Effective 7/16/21: No social distancing needed in seated areas, capacity at 100%, assuming self-attestation of vaccination from patron when purchasing tickets, masks required when seated.

Recommended Performer Protections:

1. NH performing arts venues recommend that all performers and stage personnel wear cloth face coverings during venue load ins and load outs and while working backstage areas including but limited to green rooms, dressing rooms, hallways, lighting and sound workstations, and stage wings.
2. NH performing arts venues recommend that non-fully vaccinated performers wear masks during performances when practical and social distancing cannot be maintained.
3. Fully vaccinated performers/musicians are not required to socially distance on stage and may perform without masks.
4. NH performing arts venues recommend that performers wear masks when interacting with venue personnel or audience members.

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