

ARTS COMMONS AUDIENCE MASK AND VACCINATION POLICY

September 17, 2021

Beginning on September 20, 2021, audience members 12 years and older attending an event in any venue of Arts Commons will be required to either **show proof they have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19** or **proof that they have tested negative for COVID-19 within 72 hours prior to attending their event**. Event attendees will be asked to show this proof prior to entering any venue.

In addition to documents providing this proof, audiences will also need to present government-issued photo ID, such as a driver's license, passport or provincial ID card, to help verify their identity.

Entry will be denied if an audience member (12 years and older) cannot present acceptable proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test as outlined below. If this occurs, they will be directed to the box office of the company from which they bought their ticket(s) to discuss refund/exchange options. Please note: Resident Companies, including Alberta Theatre Projects, Arts Commons Presents, Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra, Downstage, One Yellow Rabbit Performance Theatre, and Theatre Calgary (the "Resident Companies"), at Arts Commons may have different ticket refund/exchange policies. Please visit the Resident Companies' websites for more information.

The venues at Arts Commons include Big Secret Theatre, Engineered Air Theatre, Jack Singer Concert Hall, Martha Cohen Theatre, Max Bell Theatre, and Motel Theatre.

Vaccine Requirements

Audience members are considered "fully vaccinated" two weeks after they have received a second dose in a two-dose vaccine series or two weeks after they have received a single-dose vaccine. The following list details the COVID-19 vaccines that have been currently approved for use by Health Canada:

Two-dose vaccines:

- Pfizer-BioNTech (Comirnaty, tozinameran, BNT162b2)
- Moderna (mRNA-1273)
- AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD (ChAdOx1-S, Vaxzevria, AZD1222)

Single-dose vaccine:

- Janssen/Johnson & Johnson (Ad26.COV2.S)

Proof of Vaccination Requirements

Attendees may provide the original hard copy documentation of their vaccination distributed at the time of vaccination, so long as their name is clearly visible and matches their government-issued photo identification. Attendees may also present a printed record of immunization provided by their pharmacist.

Photographs of such original documentation are allowable, so long as the attendee's name is clearly visible and matches their government issued photo identification.

Immunization records on apps such as <https://myhealth.alberta.ca/myhealthrecords>, the province of Alberta's printable vaccination card (effective Sept. 16, 2021), or any other official provincial, territorial, or federal apps will also be accepted as proof.

Audience members should be prepared to show this proof each time they enter any Arts Commons venue. They should not send in their documents in advance as Arts Commons or the Resident Companies cannot store this information on file.

For those who are 12 years and older who cannot be vaccinated due to medical condition or sincerely held religious conviction, negative COVID-19 tests will be accepted.

Please note: No vaccination information will be stored, scanned, or shared.

Proof of Negative COVID-19 Test Requirements

Under this policy, photographs, PDFs, or hard copies of negative test documentation are allowable, so long as the date the test was performed and the audience member's name is clearly visible and matches their government-issued photo identification.

The test documentation must indicate a negative test result for COVID-19 and be dated no more than 72 hours prior to the performance date.

The COVID-19 test must be privately-paid and not from Alberta Health Services or Alberta Precision Laboratories. Self-administered tests will not be accepted. There are two acceptable forms of test – either nucleic acid amplification tests (NAAT's) which includes PCR tests, or antigen tests (including rapid antigen tests). Please note: Antibody or serology tests are not acceptable as they do not indicate if you are currently infected.

Please note: No COVID-19 testing information will be stored, scanned, or shared.

Children Under 12

At this time, children under the age of 12, for whom there is no currently available vaccine, will not be required to provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test. However, children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult who meets the aforementioned requirements under this policy.

Please note: When a vaccine is available for this age group, this policy will be updated to include this age group in the standard requirements.

Ticketing Policy

While this policy applies to every event that occurs within Arts Commons, each presenting or producing organization hosting an event at Arts Commons may have a different ticket refund or exchange policy.

If you are not fully vaccinated by the date of your event, please consult Arts Commons or the Resident Company from which you purchased tickets.

If your ticket is with Arts Commons Presents, please consult the Arts Commons box office at 403-294-9494 or boxoffice@artscommons.ca to exchange your ticket for another performance date or to receive a refund.

Mandatory Masks

Masks are mandatory to be worn throughout the building and the duration of a performance. Masks may be taken off only while actively eating and drinking. They must be fully in place at all other times.

If an audience member cannot wear a mask due to medical reasons, proof of a medical mask exemption must be provided to the box office prior to the date of the performance.

Ways to accommodate attendance at a performance will be considered based on the ability to provide distanced seating at individual venues. Face shields do not qualify as a mask under this policy.

If this requirement means an attendee will miss a performance, please consult Arts Commons or the Resident Company from which you purchased tickets.

If your ticket is with Arts Commons Presents, please consult the Arts Commons box office at 403-294-9494 or boxoffice@artscommons.ca to exchange your ticket for another performance date or to receive a refund.

Policy Timeline

Arts Commons and the Resident Companies will continue to follow the guidance of health and safety officials and will reevaluate this Audience Mask and Vaccination Policy as needed in coming months. Individual organizations and events may have additional audience requirements. Audience members are encouraged to visit the website of the producing or presenting organization prior to attending for the most current protocols.

Thank you for doing your part to help keep our community healthy and support the safe return of live performances.