



**Department of Music**  
**Covid19 Preventative Measures**  
**Fall 2021**

### **Primary References**

- [International Coalition Performing Arts Aerosol Study: Updated Guidelines 8/12/21](#)
  - Outdoors remains the safest space for performance: no mitigations needed
  - A minimum of 3-feet social distance is satisfactory indoors
  - Plastic Shields and Partitions are ineffective
  - Ensembles can resume regular rehearsals; rooms should be aired out after rehearsals
- [University of Minnesota College of Engineering Study Fall 2020](#)
  - Aerosol spread typically do not spread aerosols farther than one foot

### **For All Ensembles (Instrumental and Choral)**

- Rehearsals resume normal schedule, creating a minimum of 3-feet social distance between ensemble members where possible.
- Instrumental musicians expected to wear face coverings when not performing. Choral groups are considering to continue wearing face coverings due to current CDC guidance for any large group.
- Practice water key etiquette: use spit valve dispenser to catch condensation and dispose properly (rather than on the floor).
- Sanitizing protocols for all instruments continue to be recommended.
- All student musicians retain personal music at all times to eliminate contamination.
- Community members who support the intention of course delivery will be permitted as long as they follow published UWL and Department of Music protocols, communicated electronically and posted.

### **Concerts**

- Resume normal concerts. Offer virtual viewing as alternate concert experience if needed.
- Audiences are expected to wear face coverings and social distance between non-related persons will be recommended.

### **Practice Rooms**

- Ventilation is sufficient in practice rooms.
- Identify and post the exit time from a practice room, so the room airs out for at least 15 minutes. These ID lists (for each practice room) will be used for contact tracing if needed.
- Practice Room cleaning protocol is posted on each practice room door, includes the following:
  - Stress handwashing
  - Use spit valve dispensers and face coverings when not playing
  - After practice, sanitize surfaces touched with provided cleaner and cloth (specific for piano)
  - Collect all belongings and leave the door open to air out the room
- Department student workers will wipe down doorknobs and inspect rooms to discard leftover items.

### **Applied Lessons (one-on-one lessons)**

- If both instructor and student are vaccinated, lessons may be arranged in faculty studios which include proper social distancing. If student is not vaccinated (all music faculty are vaccinated), lessons will be relocated to a larger classroom.
- Lessons that can occur with face coverings are expected (piano, percussion, string instruments) should. PPE is recommended for singers and wind instruments.
- Scheduling lessons should consider “airing out” time between lessons.