

M I L W A U K E E
Youth Arts Center

Date: March 2, 2022
To: Our Programming Partners at Milwaukee Youth Arts Center
From: Milwaukee Youth Arts Center
RE: MYAC Mask Policy Change

MYAC is committed to the remarkable programming work of our partners and continuing to keep young people safe in our building. We continue to welcome all to MYAC while maintaining our responsive safety approach with our systems, cleaning, programming, protocols, and staffing.

With the positive trends in COVID levels, several updates have occurred in recent days. On February 25, 2022, the CDC updated its guidance for masking, and the City of Milwaukee mask mandate ordinance expires today, March 1, 2022.

Therefore, March 7, 2022, MYAC will move to “MASK OPTIONAL” in all spaces in our buildings. People may choose to mask at any time.

Per the 2.25.2022 updated CDC guidelines, and as of March 2, 2022:

“In **Milwaukee County, Wisconsin**, community level is **Medium**.

- If you are [at high risk for severe illness](#), talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to wear a mask and take other precautions
- Stay [up to date](#) with COVID-19 vaccines
- [Get tested](#) if you have symptoms”

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html>

According to CDC, only High Risk category need to continue wearing masks indoors.

Our sincere thanks to parents, siblings, students, and staff for their understanding, cooperation, and diligence through this unprecedented time. We greatly appreciate the continued respect and understanding for each other that has been observed here at MYAC throughout!! **As we move ahead, we will be equally supportive and respectful of those that are ready to remove masks and those who will continue to wear them.**

MYSO, First Stage, other program partners, and MYAC may take additional safety/protocol actions regarding their staffing and programming in office and program spaces as they may deem necessary or require.

We will continue to keep you informed as we discern any next steps in the days and weeks ahead. This may include moving to more restrictions as the conditions at MYAC, in our community, and recommendations from the CDC, and City may dictate.

We ask for your continued support, understanding, and flexibility.

Respectfully,

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