

NEW MEXICO SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS
HIGH SCHOOL

COVID -19 Regulation

This regulation remains in effect for as long as the Governor has in force an Executive Order addressing the COVID-10 public health emergency and the New Mexico Department of Health has issued a corresponding Public Health Order directing that all schools comply with the New Mexico Public Education Department's current "*COVID-19 Response Toolkit for New Mexico's Public Schools*" (the "Toolkit").

New Mexico School for the Arts (the "School") follows all requirements of the "Toolkit" issued by the Public Education Department and current COVID guidelines for schools¹ issued by the United States Centers for Disease Control ("CDC"), including the recommendations included in CDC Community Levels². Some procedures addressed in the Toolkit require a local decision. Accordingly, the School will adhere to the following procedures:

1. The school does not require COVID surveillance testing for personnel, regardless of COVID vaccination status. Staff are not required to provide documentation of COVID vaccination to the School.
2. The school does not require Test to Stay for students who are not up-to-date on their COVID vaccination and who are a Close Contact per the definition in the Toolkit.
3. Mask recommendations are aligned to the CDC recommendation associated with the Community Level for Santa Fe County, which is updated weekly. The School will post the Community Level of Santa Fe County weekly, along with the CDC recommendations aligned to that Community Level. When the Community Level in Santa Fe County is High, the school will follow the CDC recommendation and encourage students and staff to wear masks indoors. Free masks are available in the front office of the School.
4. Students in the Residential Program are required to take a COVID test within 48 hours before returning to the dormitory at the end of Thanksgiving, Winter, and Spring Breaks. Each student or his/her/their parent/guardian must provide the Residential Director with a copy of the results of that test before returning to the dormitory. At-home COVID tests will be provided to students to take home before leaving for break.
5. The School may require COVID testing for students who will participate in a live performance involving close contact and/or increased respiration (dance, theatre, vocal, winds, etc.) if CDC Community Level in Santa Fe County is High. Testing is provided at no-cost to students.

The School provides free COVID testing in the front office for students and personnel.

¹ <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-childcare-guidance.html>

² <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html>

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