

HPS AND HARTFORD PERFORMS COVID-19 GUIDELINES UPDATE JANUARY 4, 2022

For Arts Providers:

This January will look different from other months with the rise in cases in CT due to COVID-19 and the Omicron variant. Our intention is to keep you and our students safe. Please all read the information below carefully.

Hartford Public School district has confirmed that Hartford Performs programs CAN continue to take place in-school and in-person. Programs must be delivered in individual classrooms, all artists must wear a mask, and social distancing must be followed at all times. Assemblies are NOT allowed.

Hartford Performs STRONGLY recommends you:

- Call your lead teacher or site coordinator to confirm your program before heading to the school.
- Advocate for yourself that you have an appointment, and your program is delivered in individual classrooms.
- Be prepared for last minute cancellations due to a grade level needing to quarantine.
- If you have been exposed or had potential exposure to someone with COVID-19, confirm a negative test result BEFORE your program, and follow the CDC guidelines.
- If you are experiencing symptoms, stay home. Notify the lead teacher and follow the recommended CDC Guidelines.

[CDC guidelines](#) **How to Protect Yourself and others.**

[CDC Guidelines](#) **What to do if you are sick.**

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns regarding the delivery of your program this month.

Thank you,
Hartford Performs Team

For Arts Provider Required to be tested:

With the scarcity of testing around the state and delays in test results, I want to remind you of the testing requirement for unvaccinated contractors. **Any unvaccinated contracted worker who is scheduled to enter an HPS property on Hartford Performs business (e.g., teaching artists, workshop leaders, facilitators, performers and other individuals) must submit proof of a negative COVID-19 test no later than 4 business days before their HPS visit, that test must be taken no more than 7 calendar days prior to their HPS visit.**

Teaching Artist can use this link to submit test results to Hartford Performs:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9KQMGMH>

An at-home rapid test will not be accepted at this time.

If your teaching artists is unable to get a test and results within the necessary timeframe, then you must cancel this date and reschedule your program for a later date. I would highly recommend rescheduling to a date later in the year when testing is more available.

Free Hartford Resources:

[Hartford Free, Walk-up COVID-19 Testing & Vaccination Clinics for January](#)

Program Delivery Requirements:

- Programs must be delivered in individual classrooms
- All artists must wear a mask
- Social distancing must be followed at all times.
- Assemblies are NOT allowed.

Be aware that programs may be cancelled by the school last minute due to a grade needing to quarantine. We recommend you call ahead before you go to the school.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about meeting our requirements to deliver your scheduled program next week.

Thank you,
Hartford Performs Team