

ARTS COUNCIL OF INDIANAPOLIS COVID-19 SAFETY POLICY

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The Arts Council of Indianapolis is the lead arts advocacy and services organization for central Indiana. Our mission is to foster meaningful engagement in the arts by nurturing a culture where artists and arts organizations can thrive.

We are committed to ongoing efforts to help mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus and ensure the safety of all who engage in our spaces and events. Throughout the pandemic, the Arts Council has been proud to collaborate with the City of Indianapolis to engage artists in public health initiatives including [Mask Up Indy](#) and [Vaccinate Indy](#), as well as leading sector-wide initiatives like the [Indy Vax Pass](#) and [Indy Keeps Creating Pledge](#)

We are continually evaluating our safety policies to reflect the latest federal, state, and county public health guidance. Following are the current Arts Council policies and requirements effective January 1, 2022.

Arts Council Guests & Gallery 924 / Indianapolis Artsgarden Audiences

These policies are informed by guidelines and data from the [CDC](#) and [Marion County Public Health Department](#). Note: Mask requirements apply to everyone *regardless of vaccination status*. Arts Council safety policies are subject to change at any time based on current public health orders.

Indianapolis Artsgarden Arts Council Public Events	Indianapolis Artsgarden Private Rental Events	Gallery 924 Events & Exhibitions	Arts Council Offices
Masks Required	Masks Recommended	Masks Required	Masks Required
Visitors attending Arts Council- produced public events in the Artsgarden are required to wear a mask at all times regardless of vaccination status unless actively eating or drinking.	Visitors attending private events in the Artsgarden follow safety rules set by the rental client, which must be compliant with current public health orders. The Arts Council recommends all rental events adhere to CDC guidelines for indoor events . Rental clients are responsible for communicating safety policies to their guests.	Visitors attending events and exhibitions in Gallery 924 are required to wear a mask at all times regardless of vaccination status unless actively eating or drinking.	Visitors (and staff) attending meetings at Arts Council offices are required to wear masks when interacting in-person regardless of vaccination status unless actively eating or drinking.

- Visitors who are feeling ill or have any [symptoms](#) should please stay home.
- All visitors and guests must comply with the requests and directions of ACI staff while on Arts Council owned and operated premises.

Visitor Conduct: All visitors are required to follow the Arts Council’s policies. Verbally abusive, harassing, discriminatory, or threatening statements or behavior toward staff and other visitors is prohibited. We reserve the right to require visitors whose conduct violates these policies to leave the premises immediately.

Arts Council Staff & Contractors Working/Attending On-Site

The following policies apply to all staff and contractors, including contracted artists, who are working, performing, or attending **meetings, events, exhibitions, and performances at Arts Council owned/operated spaces including our offices, Gallery 924, and Indianapolis Artsgarden**. Arts Council-supported engagements and artist contracts that take place **outside** of our owned/operated spaces follow the policies set by the venue and/or producing partner organization.

- 100% of the Arts Council staff is vaccinated against COVID-19.
- Proof of COVID-19 vaccination (either 14 days have passed since the completion of the second dose of Moderna or Pfizer vaccine or single dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine) is required for all full-time staff as well as contractors, including contracted artists who are working, exhibiting, or performing in our spaces - offices, Gallery 924, and Indianapolis Artsgarden. Boosters are encouraged per CDC guidelines. You can show proof via:
 - The [Bindle app](#) through your smartphone
 - Physical vaccination card, or other official government certificate of vaccination
 - Indiana resident? [Click here](#) to access a certificate of vaccination.
 - Photo of your vaccination card through your smartphone
- Staff and contractors are required to wear masks over their nose and mouth when interacting in-person with the public in our spaces: offices, Gallery 924 & Indianapolis Artsgarden.
- Staff are required to follow [CDC Quarantine, Isolation & Testing](#) recommendations if exposed to someone with COVID-19.
- Staff and contractors are required to stay home if they are feeling ill or have [symptoms](#) related to a cold or infectious disease.

In addition to consistent compliance with our own policies outlined above, you can count on the following from the Arts Council:

- Complimentary masks available at Arts Council offices and venues.
- Restrooms with touch-free faucets, toilet, soap dispensers, and paper towel dispensers.
- Hand sanitizer stations placed throughout our offices and venues.
- Increased cleanings with ongoing cleanings of high-touch areas.
- Reduced capacity to accommodate social distancing (varies based on current guidelines).