



COVID POLICY 2021/22

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Screening

For all programs, regardless of whether indoors or outdoors, all participants and artists are to complete a daily screening, prior to arrival at the location where they will be meeting.

The relevant questions for the screening include:

1. Have you been diagnosed with COVID-19 or have you been asked to quarantine in the past 10 days?
 - a. If yes to question #1 - If you test positive for COVID-19 or feel symptomatic, you will need to stay away from the office/studio for 10 days from when symptoms start and at least 24 hours with no fever, without the use of fever reducing medications and improvement in respiratory symptoms and until symptoms go away completely. If you are severely ill, you may need to wait up to 20 days before returning to class.
2. Do you have any of the following symptoms: fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, body aches, muscle aches, runny nose, nasal congestion, new loss of taste or smell, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea?
 - a. If yes to question #2 – if the symptoms are not because of a known prior diagnosis (asthma, seasonal allergies, pregnancy) must remain out of program until tests negative for COVID AND symptoms have resolved for at least 24 hrs.
3. Have you been within 6 ft of someone for at least 15 minutes, who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the last 10 days?
 - a. If yes to question #3 – If you are exposed to someone who tests positive and you do not have symptoms, you will need to stay out of class until a negative test is confirmed 5 days after exposure and with no symptoms.

Temperature measurement will also be a part of the screening. A "no-touch" or non-contact temperature assessment device will be used. A fever equal to or higher than 100.4 will prohibit any participant from attending class.

Universal Masking

For all NYC SALT programs, regardless if indoor or outdoor, the program aims for an environment of inclusivity and conflict-avoidance. As such, masks will be required in indoor and outdoor settings. This will be referred to as “universal masking”.

COVID-19 Vaccines

COVID-19 vaccines are required for participation in the program. Proof of vaccination must be submitted prior to the first day of class.

Social distancing

A distance of 6 feet should be maintained as often as possible. However, some situations will require individuals to be closer than 6 feet. As there is universal masking required, this will help to protect individuals during the times when they are required to work closely together. Social distancing of 6 feet must be maintained between individuals when food or beverages are being consumed. Shared food, unless individually wrapped & for individual consumption, is strongly discouraged. Efforts to eat outdoors, where possible, are strongly encouraged. Social distancing of at least 6 feet is also required when individuals are singing or playing wind instruments. If at all possible, to do this in an outdoor location, it is preferable.

Indoor Activities

The program will take place outdoors whenever possible. When weather prevents outdoor activity, sessions can take place on Zoom. Windows should be opened to improve ventilation. The NYC SALT studio has been furnished with Molekule Air Pro purifiers which capture 95% of particulate matter and destroy bacteria, mold, and viruses.

Notification of infection/exposure

Participants will alert NYC Salt staff of any occurrence of infection and/or exposure within 24hrs. If a participant is confirmed to have COVID-19 or was exposed to someone who was confirmed to have COVID-19, NYC Staff will inform fellow participants of their possible exposure to COVID-19 but will maintain confidentiality as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Those who have symptoms should self-isolate and follow CDC recommended steps.