



Safety Guidelines - Fall 2021

- ATA follows the recommendations of the Massachusetts Governor, the CDC, and the Grafton Board of Health.
- Unvaccinated students and visitors must wear masks that follow CDC guidance at all times.
[Click here](#) for more information.
 - Masks specifically designed for singers and actors are available for purchase from ATA for \$15. These vocal performance masks allow for free movement of the mouth and jaw without compromising aerosol containment and are the safest singers' masks on the market according to a study by Colorado State University. Masks are machine washable and are available in both youth and adult sizes.
- In accordance with current state guidelines, we will not require fully vaccinated students to wear masks at this time, though they are welcome to do so for any reason. Should state guidance change, we will update this policy and notify all families.
 - Regardless of level of transmission, the CDC recommends that fully vaccinated individuals consider masking if they “have a weakened immune system or if, because of age or an underlying medical condition, they are at increased risk for severe disease, or if a member of their household has a weakened immune system, is at increased risk for severe disease, or is unvaccinated.”
- At this time, we will be requiring that all audience members wear masks at student performances regardless of vaccination status.
- Upon arrival, all faculty, staff, students, and visitors must wash their hands or use hand sanitizer.
- Please be respectful of others when in the building. Arrive and exit in a timely manner and limit your travels throughout the building.
- If you or anyone in your household feels unwell, stay home. Students who are unwell and come in will be asked to go home.
- If you learn that you or someone in your household has been exposed to or contracted COVID, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can take every precaution.



Program-Specific Safety Addendum

Community Chorus

- Proof of vaccination is required in order to join the chorus.
- At this time, all singers will be required to wear masks, provided by ATA, during rehearsals.

Early Childhood

- Until Worcester County is no longer classified as an “area of high or substantial transmission,” all adults will be required to wear masks in class to minimize the risk to children too young to be vaccinated.

Theatre (grades 1-4 & 2-6)

- At this time, all participants will be required to wear masks during rehearsals and performances.
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Theatre (grades 7-12)

- At this time, all participants will be required to wear masks during rehearsals.
 - Masks specifically designed for singers and actors are available for purchase for \$15. These vocal performance masks allow for free movement of the mouth and jaw without compromising aerosol containment and are the safest singers masks on the market according to a study by Colorado State University. Masks are machine washable and are available in both youth and adult sizes.
- Fully vaccinated participants may remove their masks for performances.
- Unvaccinated participants may either:
 - Perform with a mask, or
 - Purchase a rapid COVID test (approximately \$10) from ATA and take it 72 hours before the performance. A negative test will allow the participant to perform maskless. Any participant who tests positive should contact their doctor to obtain a PCR test for confirmation. If the student is confirmed to have COVID, they will not be permitted to perform.