

MUNROE CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Mask-wearing Policy

It is known during COVID-19 that masks help to [prevent the spread of the virus](#) - especially by anyone who does not know they have the virus. Wearing a mask also boosts morale by allowing people who need to be at the Munroe Center for the Arts to feel comfortable and confident in being here.

In an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19, everyone who comes to the Munroe Center for the Arts building is expected to observe the following:

1. **Anyone entering the building must wear a mask.**
2. **Masks must always be worn in public places around the building.**
 - a. **Outdoors** by teachers and students to guard against accidental close contact (though it is understood that viral load is greatly reduced outdoors)
 - b. **Indoor classrooms** where there is a greater amount of time spent around others *
Instructors need to safely plan for students who might need to take a mask break
 - c. **Hallways and common areas** to guard against close contact, or lingering air droplets that others could pass through before they disperse
3. **Masks must be worn indoors in studios and offices when that space is public.**
4. **Masks must cover both the wearer's nose and mouth.**
5. **Special exceptions** - It is understood and recognized that [wearing masks](#) may not be possible in every situation or for some people. Please contact the MCA office to discuss options in these cases.

MASK INFORMATION

Schools should stock a supply of extra masks. If a mask is needed by anyone, the MCA office should be contacted to provide one.

There are both [simple patterns](#) and [sophisticated patterns](#) available online, as well as [materials guidelines](#) for anyone wanting to make reusable masks.

[CDC](#) does not recommend use of gaiters or face shields for normal everyday activities or as a substitute for masks because of a lack of evidence of their effectiveness for source control; face shields should be used concurrently with a mask.