



LARGE INDOOR EVENT COVID-19 VACCINATION AND MASKING POLICY

The San Francisco War Memorial and Performing Arts Center (War Memorial) is the department of the City and County of San Francisco that owns and operates the War Memorial Opera House and Louise M. Davies Symphony Hall, both of which seat more than one thousand (1,000) people in their respective auditoriums. Due to their capacity, all performances and presentations in both venues qualify as a “Large Indoor Event” as defined by Orders of the Health Officer.

War Memorial venues are required to operate within the restrictions and guidelines imposed by federal, state, and local government entities to prevent the spread of COVID-19. This policy is intended to clarify requirements regarding vaccination, masking and COVID-19 safety requirements for Licensees that present Large Indoor Events at the War Memorial.

As a City and County owned and operated facility, all City employees are, or will be, vaccinated by November 1, 2021. The San Francisco Ballet, San Francisco Opera, and San Francisco Symphony, all of which require their staff and visitors to be fully vaccinated, occupy the administrative offices and stagecraft shops housed by the facilities. Global Gourmet Catering concessions staff and employees of the San Francisco Performing Arts Center Foundation are also required to be vaccinated.

In adherence with requirements contained in federal, state, and local health orders, the War Memorial requires the following:

1. War Memorial Licensees must require that patrons, performers, crew, volunteers, and/or staff provide proof of vaccination prior to entering the facility. Documented proof of vaccination verification must be made available to War Memorial staff on request and vaccinations must meet all criteria specified in Orders of the Health Officer.
2. If a person covered under this policy cannot be vaccinated because vaccinations are not available to them due to their age, which as of the effective date of this policy applies to persons under the age of twelve (12), a negative test result received in the 48-hours prior to their entry will be accepted in lieu of proof of vaccination. If the person under the age of vaccine availability is performing in, or otherwise working on, the performance or presentation, said person may furnish proof of one (1) negative test result per each week of performance or rehearsal. Licensee must share positive COVID test results with War Memorial staff within eight (8) hours of receiving any such test results. Any person who receives a positive test result will not be permitted onsite until they have completed an adequate isolation period and/or met the definition of recovery as defined in the most current Order of the Health Officer.
3. Due to the extreme risk unvaccinated persons pose to others, the War Memorial will not allow accommodations for medical reasons or sincerely held religious beliefs from Licensee patrons, performers, crew, volunteers, and/or staff.

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4. Licensee must pay all costs related to vaccination, testing, and verifying proof of either or both.
5. All patrons must wear well-fitted masks that cover their nose, mouth, and chin when inside the facility unless they are actively eating or drinking. Gators, kerchiefs, and other coverings of similar type do not meet the definition of a well-fitted mask.
6. Performers and musicians must wear well-fitted masks when in the building consistent with all Orders of the Health Officer and may remove their well-fitted masks only when they are actively eating or drinking, or when they are onstage during a live performance, presentation, or rehearsal.
7. No unmasked performer may be within six (6) feet of any audience member at any time. If any performers, presenters, musicians, or stage crew will be unmasked, the first two (2) rows of seats must remain unsold and unoccupied during performances and presentations.
8. Licensees are required to submit to the Department of Public Health a “Large Indoor Event Health and Safety Plan” no fewer than ten (10) business days before the planned performance or presentation. Said plan will clearly restate the requirements outlined in this policy. Licensee must submit a draft of said plan to the War Memorial no fewer than five (5) business days prior to submission of the plan to the Department of Public Health and will be required to incorporate any requested revisions to the plan received from War Memorial staff prior to final submittal.
9. Tickets to the venue, and marketing materials for performances and presentations, must clearly state that all persons entering the facility must be fully vaccinated and that patrons who cannot be vaccinated because vaccinations are not available to them due to their age will be required to present a negative test result received in the 48-hours prior to their entry. Additional staff will be hired by the War Memorial at Licensee expense to review patron vaccine status and negative test results prior to patrons entering the facility.
10. At the War Memorial’s sole discretion, Licensee may be required to use a separate dedicated entrance to the venue and Licensee will pay the cost of operating such entrance.
11. Licensee will be required to sign a COVID Addendum to their Short-Term License Agreement that restates the requirements contained herein, affirms Licensee’s commitment to adhering to all requirements and Orders of the Health Officer, and confirms Licensee’s understanding that it will pay all costs incurred by the War Memorial and/or any other vendors needed to ensure Licensee’s adherence to these requirements.

ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER DEFINITIONS AND SECTIONS OF INTEREST:

Please read the full text of the Order of the Health Officer found at:

<https://www.sfdph.org/dph/alerts/coronavirus-healthorders.asp>

Large Indoor Event. “Large Indoor Event” means an event with 1,000-4,999 people attending indoors. A Large Indoor Event may be public or private, may have either assigned or unassigned seating, and may be either general admission or ticketed events. A Large Indoor Event can also include an event without seating or without tickets.

Section 7.b. ii. Except as provided below, as soon as possible, but no later than August 20, 2021, operators or hosts of indoor Mega-Events and Large Indoor Events must require all patrons aged 12 and up to show proof, before entering the facility, that they are Fully Vaccinated, subject to any applicable requirements of federal, state, or local laws requiring accommodation. Indoor Mega-Events and Large Indoor Event may not accept a written self-attestation as proof of Full Vaccination.

Section 7.c. The host or organizer of an indoor or outdoor Mega-Event, Large Indoor Event, or series of Mega-Events or Large Indoor Events must submit to the Health Officer a proposed plan detailing the procedures that will be implemented to minimize the risk of transmission among patrons and Personnel.

A template for plans for Large Indoor Events with 1,000-4,999 attendees is available at www.sfdph.org/dph/alerts/files/C19-07-HSP-over-1000.pdf.

Plans must be submitted by email to HealthPlan@sfcityatty.org no fewer than ten (10) business days before the planned event.