

Updated Crozet Arts Covid Protocols as of October 2022:

MASKING

At Crozet Arts, the health and welfare of our entire community continue to remain our most important priorities. While many schools have moved to a blanket mask-optional policy, we do not believe such a policy best supports and cares for the Crozet Arts community, which includes our students, teachers, and their families. However, in consultation with our medical consultants, teachers, and Board of Directors, we are moving to the following updated masking policy:

- If the [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) community transmission rate is “medium” or “high” (yellow or orange) for Albemarle County, masks are required for *everyone* (ages 3 & up) inside Crozet Arts, including in hallways, bathrooms, and studios.
- If the community transmission is “low” (green) for Albemarle County, masks are optional for everyone.
- The CDC updates their community transmission reports every Thursday evening ([click here](#)). Therefore, updated transmission levels for masking will update at Crozet Arts each Friday morning.
- EXCEPTION: Anyone who is symptomatic (sore throat/sniffles/mild cough/congestion/etc) but without fever and with a negative Covid test must, in the best interests of everyone, mask inside Crozet Arts, *regardless of community transmission rates*, or stay home.
- NOTE: Some classes may require masking regardless of transmission status. Please see individual class pages for particulars.

COVID VACCINATION

Proof of Covid vaccination is required for all group classes at Crozet Arts, for all those eligible for the vaccine who are ages 5 & up. [Click here](#) for CDC guidelines on Covid vaccination. [Click here](#) for information on how to obtain Covid vaccinations in the Blue Ridge Health District. Please send photo of Covid vaccination card to office@CrozetArts.org prior to student’s first class; or, please show vaccine card (or VDH QR code link - [click here to obtain](#)) to instructor at first class.

ILLNESS - WHEN TO STAY HOME, ETC.

We are following the current CDC guidelines for students who develop symptoms of illness:

From CDC website: [Staying Home When Sick](#)

People with symptoms of infectious diseases, including COVID-19, [influenza](#), respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), and gastrointestinal infections should stay home and get tested for COVID-19.

Reference: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-childcare-guidance.html>

- Students with a fever, or exhibiting signs of Covid or other infectious illnesses, should remain at home; please email CrozetArts@gmail.com to report illness to Sharon Tolczyk. Students with mild symptoms may provide proof of negative rapid Covid test in order to attend class (email CrozetArts@gmail.com for info).

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- Students with symptoms of illness, or with a known possible exposure to Covid, or who develop symptoms of Covid, should follow the guidelines listed on the CDC website for testing, monitoring for symptoms, masking, quarantine/isolation: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/quarantine-isolation.html> Please read below about updated Crozet Arts protocols for those who test positive for Covid. Please email Sharon Tolczyk at CrozetArts@gmail.com with questions or concerns about coming to classes vis-a-vis symptoms/ Covid exposure.

PROTOCOLS FOLLOWING A POSITIVE COVID TEST

26 September 2022: This updated protocol aligns with the current (Fall 2022) Albemarle County Public School policy, as well as the current recommendation of Dr. William Petri, UVA immunologist and COVID-19 researcher (see Daily Progress 15 September 2022), and replaces the Crozet Arts protocol published in August 2022:

- Parent of minor student, adult student, or Crozet Arts teacher, must notify Crozet Arts of a positive Covid test.
- Students or teachers who test positive for COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status, must stay home for at least 5 days. They may not return to Crozet Arts until their symptoms have improved, they have been fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication, **AND they have received a negative COVID-19 antigen (rapid) test on or after Day 6** (with Day 0 being the first day of symptoms or the date of the positive test, whichever came first). Without a negative antigen test, the individual may not return to Crozet Arts classes until at least 10 days have passed since the onset of symptoms (with Day 0 being first day of symptoms).

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- For minor students, a signed Parent/Guardian Declaration Form or documentation from a health professional or, for adult students, a signed Declaration Form or documentation from a health professional, must be provided to student's instructor or Artistic Director (Sharon Tolczyk) as proof of a negative COVID-19 antigen test. This may be sent via email (to CrozetArts@gmail.com) or presented in person before returning to classes.
- Following a COVID-19 diagnosis, the earliest an individual may return to Crozet Arts classes is Day 6 (with Day 0 being the first day of symptoms or the date of the positive test, whichever came first). Those who return to Crozet Arts classes following a negative antigen test, are *required* to wear a mask through Day 10, regardless of other Crozet Arts masking protocols in place at the time.
- If the individual chooses not to get tested, the earliest one may return to Crozet Arts classes after a positive Covid test is Day 11 (with Day 0 being the first day of symptoms or the date of the positive test, whichever came first).

VENTILATION: Crozet Arts has ALEN 75i air purifiers running 24/7 in each studio, and in our hallway. Windows will be opened/cracked (depending on outside temperature) during classes to allow for fresh air circulation.