



UMC COVID Mitigation Protocols for UMC Facility - Students/Parents

- Students, parents, and visitors will not be permitted into the UMC facility without a face covering, regardless of vaccination status. If you show up without one, you will be asked to leave.
- Students should not show up more than 5 minutes before their scheduled lesson/class/workshop/rehearsal and should be picked up immediately after they are done. This is to limit the number of people in the UMC facility at one time.
- Parents who have younger children can come in to drop off their students but are then politely asked to please report back their car to wait. Please do not wait in the lobby area. Once the lesson is over (or up to a maximum of 5 minutes before the lesson is over) parents can report back to the UMC facility to pick up their student.
- Parents of older students, who do not need to be escorted into the UMC facility, we ask that students be dropped off/picked up in a timely fashion and that the parents do not report into the UMC facility unless there is an issue.
- Students (or parents of younger students) will sign in before their lessons and sign out as they leave the facility to facilitate possible contact tracing needs.
- Students will be required to wear their face covering at all times during lessons, classes, workshops, and rehearsals.
- The UMC “Student Lounge” area will be closed to alleviate students congregating for socialization and eating. Students should eat before they come to the Collective. (If there is a health issue and a student **needs** to eat while in the facility, please contact a staff member, and arrangements can be made.) Once lessons/classes/workshops/rehearsals are completed we ask that students leave the UMC facility.
- UMC performance-based gear will not be loaned out for lessons. Please make sure students bring their own instruments (guitars, basses) for lessons. Drums, keyboards, and amplifiers will still be available for use.
- Cover your cough and sneeze with your elbow.
- Wash hands often for a minimum of 20 seconds with soap and water. Use hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available.
- If you or your students feel sick, please stay at home or keep them home until everyone is healthy. If you are going to miss a lesson/class/workshop/rehearsal, please notify your instructor immediately. The Enrollment Director can also be contacted about missed lessons/classes/workshops/rehearsals, if necessary. Lessons can be made up or possibly handled remotely.

UMC Contact Tracing and Quarantining Protocol:

After reviewing current CDC guidelines, the following contact tracing and quarantining protocol will be followed by the Uptown Music Collective until further notice. The goal of following this protocol is to keep our students, staff, teachers, and their families as safe as possible while continuing in-person instruction.

Based on current CDC guidance:

- Exposure is defined as contact with someone infected with COVID-19, in a way that increases the likelihood of getting infected with the virus.
- Close Contact is defined as someone who was less than 6 feet away from an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period. This includes, as an example, three individual 5-minute exposures for a total of 15 minutes.

Please note, if the student's exposure happened outside of the Collective, the Collective staff MUST be informed of said exposure immediately.

The UMC's particular protocol we will be following is a 5-day quarantine period for all potential COVID-related risks, regardless of vaccination status.

This goes for all situations listed below:

- Students who have tested positive for COVID-19, whether they are symptomatic or asymptomatic.
- Students who are symptomatic but have not or will not be tested.
- Students who were in direct contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19.
- Students who were in direct contact with someone who is symptomatic.

In summation, if you are at all sick or were exposed to anyone who has or could potentially have COVID-19, we ask that you quarantine for 5 days and do not return to in-person activities until you are no longer symptomatic.

Face coverings are currently required for entry into and at all times in the UMC Facility. This coincides with the CDC's guidelines for the second 5 days, after the initial 5-day quarantine.

Example of Quarantine Timeline to Return to In-Person Activities at the Uptown Music Collective

Day 0: Date of Exposure, Testing Positive or Onset of Symptoms

Day 1-5: Quarantine Period

Day 6: Student Can Return

Note: Students should only return to school after their quarantine period if students have been symptom-free without the use of medication and students have been fever-free without the use of fever-reducing medication.

A negative rapid COVID test is preferred after the 5-day quarantine but is not required at this time for a student's return.