



COVID-19 Safety Plan for August Dance Competitions

In accordance with Phase-3 of the phased opening plan in the State of RI (ReopeningRI.com), McVinney Auditorium will begin allowing for a series of dance competitions while following strict safety guidelines. The guidelines below are tailored to these competitions.

Physical Distancing

- At no time will the combined number of staff, audience, and performers exceed 125 people. Staff members will be monitoring entrances and exits to the Auditorium to ensure this number is adhered to. Groups of performers will be asked to remain in their cars until they are called in, one by one, to enter into the backstage of the Auditorium.
- Performers will enter in groups and proceed through a separate entrance to a single dressing room in the backstage area. From that point they will only be allowed to go between the dressing room, restroom, and stage. Following their performance, they will exit the auditorium through a separate exit. The auditorium has 3 dressing rooms, so a maximum of 3 groups will be allowed into the backstage area at any given time.
- Staff will be in the auditorium seating and lobby areas, physically distanced.
- Limited audience members may be allowed, specifically, parents of performers. They will enter through the main lobby, remain physically distanced throughout the performance, and exit through a different entrance than the one they came in. Traffic flow will remain one way for everyone but auditorium and competition staff.

Mask Wearing

- All staff, audience, and performers will be required to wear masks. The only exception is that performers may remove their masks when they are performing onstage.
- McVinney Auditorium will have spare masks on hand if anyone is to need one for any reason.

Sanitization

- Before each day a deep cleaning of the entire auditorium will be performed by a professional cleaning company.
- McVinney staff will sanitize door handles that are regularly used throughout the day.
- Between each group of performers, each backstage dressing room will be sanitized.
- The stage will be sanitized between each performance.
- Hand sanitizer will be made available in numerous locations for all to use, and everyone present will be encouraged to use it regularly.

Signage

- There will be many clearly posted signs stating:
 - If you have any symptoms of COVID-19 or have been near someone with symptoms in the last 2 weeks, you cannot not enter the venue.
 - Mask wearing while inside the Auditorium is required by state law.
 - Please sanitize your hands regularly and remain physically distanced.
 - How to move about the venue in accordance with our traffic flow plans to minimize contact between all staff, audience members, and performers.

Plan for a positive case or outbreak following the event

- These dance events are composed of various dance companies. All performers are registered with each company. If any company finds itself with a dancer or staff member who tests positive, they are instructed to contact McVinney Auditorium, who will then reach out to the heads of every company that participated in the event to inform them of this positive case.