

Health Protocols for Outdoor Activities Summer 2021

At Upper Valley Music Center, we work to create a safe, inclusive environment for everyone. As we celebrate getting together in-person to make music at a time when public health conditions and protocols are rapidly changing, we ask that everyone be mindful of those in our community who are most vulnerable. In that spirit, we have established policies for summer outdoor activities to create a safe environment based on trust and mutual respect.

This policy recognizes that safe conditions are different for different people. Some people are fully vaccinated, while others are not. Some people have close contacts with high risk individuals, some do not. Given that UVMC serves more than 1,000 people in our community, this policy is designed to balance diverse needs and circumstances, giving special consideration to the most vulnerable among us.

Screening

All outdoor programs require pre-registration. When arriving for your program, you will check in. Attendance will be taken and health screening questions must be completed for each person in your party. If anyone in your party answers yes to any of these questions, we ask that they do not attend the event.

- Do you have any symptoms of COVID-19 including fever, respiratory symptoms such as runny nose, nasal congestion, sore throat, cough, or shortness of breath, general body symptoms such as muscle aches, chills, and severe fatigue, gastrointestinal symptoms such as nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea, changes in your sense of taste or smell?
- Have you been in close contact with someone who is suspected or confirmed to have had COVID-19 in the past 14 days? (Note: healthcare workers caring for COVID-19 patients while wearing appropriate personal protective equipment are not considered to have a close contact exposure and should answer “No” to this question).
- Have you traveled in the prior 10 days internationally (outside of the U.S., except for essential travel to/from Canada*) or on a cruise ship? *Essential travel to/from Canada includes for work, school, personal safety, medical care, care of others, or parental shared custody. Essential travel also includes travel for students and their parents or guardians who are visiting institutions of higher learning or preparatory high schools as potential future students, including allowing the students to remain at the schools for overnight stays.

Hand Hygiene

Everyone in attendance will be asked to use hand sanitizer when checking in.

Masks Required (Masks may be removed under certain circumstances)

Masking is required at UVMC events, but under certain circumstances masks may be removed. If anyone in a lesson or class requests that masks be worn, everyone will be asked to mask. We ask that everyone respect masking requests. Pressure or coercion to remove masks will not be tolerated. If you have a medical reason that prevents you from masking please make your needs known in advance to UVMC Office staff so that we may arrange appropriate accommodation. We cannot guarantee special accommodations for removing masks if your request is made at an event itself.

If students and/or teachers are not physically distanced, masks are required.



If students and teachers can maintain 6ft or more distance at all times, masks may be removed if everyone agrees.

