



## Bartell Theatre COVID-19 Response Policies

The Bartell Foundation Board of Directors (hereafter referred to as “The Bartell”) adopted these policies on June 9th, 2021 and amended on December 8th, 2021. They require all Resident Companies and Visiting Renters to follow each provision below. These policies in no way are the only measures Resident Companies or Visiting Productions can enact, but serve as a baseline.

The safety of our patrons, performers, and crew is of utmost importance to us. Thus, the Bartell will endeavor to continuously improve the health and safety aspects of the building.

The Bartell welcomes suggestions regarding these policies. Please convey any ideas to the Managing Director. The Bartell is primarily a volunteer organization and will enact provisions if and when possible.

**\*\*Updated per Board of Directors vote on December 8th, 2021.\*\***

### MASKS

- **The Bartell requires masks worn at all public performances and events.** Masks will be required for all staff and members of the public ages 2 and up. Proper masks are required and shall cover both the nose and mouth at all times.
- Scarves, bandanas, neck gaiters, face shields, mesh or beaded masks do not qualify. The Bartell will have proper masks to hand out to anyone who needs them.
- Masks may be lowered to eat or drink but must be worn properly when not actively eating or drinking. Extended periods of “eating” or “drinking” are not an acceptable reason to have your mask off for extended periods of time.
- Guests who do not want to wear masks properly or who give staff and volunteers difficulties will be asked to leave.

### VACCINATION

- **The Bartell requires everyone entering our building to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. This requirement applies to everyone 5 years of age or older.**
- A patron vaccinated against COVID-19 by a two-dose mRNA vaccine (such as Moderna or Pfizer) or a single dose vaccine (such as Johnson & Johnson) is considered “fully vaccinated” two weeks after the final dose of vaccine (the second dose for a two-dose regimen or the single dose for a single-dose regimen).
- Those who are unable to provide either their CDC Vaccination Card, a photo of it on their phone, or find their name on the Wisconsin Vaccine Registry will not be permitted inside the Bartell.

### COVID TESTING

- **The Bartell will only recognize two exemptions to the vaccination requirement:**
  - Individuals who are allergic to ingredients in the COVID vaccines.
  - Children ages 5 through 12 who have not had the chance to get vaccinated yet.

- Individuals who meet the above criteria will be required to show proof of a negative COVID test result from within 72 hours prior to the performance.
- **Individuals who do not meet the above criteria and who try to show proof of a negative COVID test will not be allowed inside the Bartell.**

### STAFF & BACKSTAGE

- The Bartell still requires all staff, volunteers, and all personnel involved in any production (resident or visiting company) at the Bartell be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. *There are no exceptions to this rule.*
- Producers must provide the Bartell Executive Director with a list of all cast, crew, staff, volunteers, or any persons involved in the production who are vaccinated. Anyone not on the list provided is not allowed to enter the building through the stage door and must enter through the public entrance in order for proof of vaccination to be ascertained. This includes friends or family members of casts, delivery personnel, or outside technical assistance.
- Masks must be worn at all times when in spaces open to the public.
- Per Dane County mandate (current as of this policy's publication) spaces closed to the public (such as backstage areas, the performance stage, offices, or theatre house prior to being opened for seating) will not require masking.
- Anytime the backstage space is open to individuals whose vaccination status is unknown (such as during load-ins, strikes, or when visitors are allowed backstage) **masking will be required.**

### INDIVIDUAL HEALTH SAFETY

- The Bartell asks all casts, crews, volunteers, and members of the general public to continuously monitor their health and go over the following questions before attending a show or participating backstage or onstage in a production:
  - Have you experienced any of the following symptoms in the past 48 hours?
    - fever or chills • cough • shortness of breath or difficulty breathing • fatigue • muscle or body aches • headache • new loss of taste or smell • sore throat • congestion or runny nose • nausea or vomiting • diarrhea
  - Are you isolating or quarantining because you tested positive for COVID-19 or are worried that you may be sick with COVID-19?
  - Are you fully vaccinated OR have you recovered from a documented COVID-19 infection in the last 3 months?
  - Have you been in close physical contact in the last 14 days with:
    - Anyone who is known to have laboratory-confirmed COVID-19?                      OR
    - Anyone who has any symptoms consistent with COVID-19?
  - Are you currently waiting on the results of a COVID-19 test?
  - Have you traveled in the past 10 days?
- The Bartell requests that anyone experiencing any of the above symptoms refrain from participating or attending any Bartell events and to wait to return until at least 48 hours after symptoms have subsided.
- Anyone who thinks they have been exposed to COVID-19 should stay home and quarantine for 10-14 days before coming to any Bartell event.
- Should someone in a production's cast or crew test positive for COVID-19, that production will suspend performances until a time when all their unvaccinated cast and crew either test negative for COVID or complete a successful quarantine period of 10-14 days.

## **FUTURE CHANGES**

- The Bartell recognizes that we live in politically volatile times. Some local and state level health departments have lost their legal ability to mandate restrictions and/or enforce them. The Bartell will follow all recommended public health restrictions from the Dane County or the State of Wisconsin's health departments, regardless of whether they can legally enforce such recommendations due to legislative, judicial, or executive actions. The Bartell will change this policy only when it is overturned by a majority vote of the Foundation's full Board of Directors.