



## Precollege 2021 Return to Campus Guidelines

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### VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS

1. MSM has updated its policy as of August 18 to **require** all Precollege students ages 12 and older to obtain and submit proof of a WHO-approved vaccine. Age-eligible students have until October 1 to submit their vaccination record.
2. All Precollege faculty and parents/guardians must submit proof of a WHO-approved vaccination no later than August 30. This record must be submitted to [COVIDRESPONSE@MSMNYC.EDU](mailto:COVIDRESPONSE@MSMNYC.EDU).

### ACCESS TO CAMPUS

1. Precollege age-eligible students who meet the vaccination requirements outlined above, and those students age 11 or younger will receive instructions for downloading the Envoy App.
2. Until further notice, only 1 parent may accompany a student, if that individual is ages 10 or younger, and that student needs assistance moving between classes as they learn the MSM campus and their own Precollege schedule. MSM requires parents to limit their use of campus to an MSM-designated parent-only conference room when not accompanying their student between passing periods. The parent/guardian may only be in the cafeteria when accompanying their student and must limit their time in the cafeteria to 20 minutes.
3. Any parent/guardian who meets the criteria of item 2, must show proof of a WHO-approved, Covid vaccine. The deadline to submit this record is August 30.
4. Prior to entering the MSM Campus, all Precollege faculty, students, and eligible parents/guardians must complete the health questionnaire to check-in using MSM's Envoy app or register on one of the tablets at the security desk. Parents/Guardians must register a personal email for their login to Envoy; Precollege students must use their @msmnyc.edu account to access Envoy.
5. Once the health questionnaire is complete, show the Envoy Badge to the security personnel to enter the building.

### MASKS AND PHYSICAL DISTANCING

1. All Precollege faculty, students, and parents/guardians must wear a mask at all times (see section about the cafeteria for approved exception). Specific performance guidelines are discussed in a separate section.
2. All Precollege faculty and students must properly wear their masks over their mouth and nose at all times, except when eating in the cafeteria (see section related to cafeteria below).
3. All classes have been scheduled to accommodate for 3' physical distancing. Ensembles may have less physical distance.

Guidelines are subject to change based on federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, and guidance.

4. At no time may a member of the Precollege community be asked to remove their mask. Should anyone do so, please inform the Precollege Office immediately.

### **EATING ON CAMPUS**

1. Students may only eat in MSM's cafeteria. Time is restricted to 20 minutes.
2. Parents/Guardians may only accompany their student to the cafeteria. MSM asks parents to not eat on campus. (See list of neighborhood restaurants and public spaces – indoor/outdoor).
3. Water bottles are permitted in classes and ensemble rehearsals. Students must minimize removal of their mask and should take care to only pull up the mask to drink water and then promptly return the mask to cover their mouth.

### **GENERAL SAFETY GUIDELINES**

1. One of the most effective ways to reduce the spread of COVID-19 is the use of masks.
  - If two or more people are in a room, masks are required for everyone, regardless of size of the space, activity being performed, or vaccination status.
  - If a mask breaks or becomes otherwise unusable, activity must stop immediately and the mask must be replaced before continuing. This applies in all situations, including performances. It is the person wearing the faulty face covering's responsibility to stop the activity and get a new one. All staffed spaces (Neidorff-Karpati Hall, Greenfield, Ades, Miller) have surgical masks available, as do the security desks.
  - Masks may be removed **ONLY** when someone is completely alone in a room.
2. Physical distancing of 3 feet (1 meter) is required for all lessons and classroom activities.

### **ON-CAMPUS PRIVATE LESSONS**

For on-campus lessons, the following guidelines will be enforced:

1. Face coverings are required for all participants.
2. Lessons will be scheduled in spaces that will accommodate physical distancing of 3 feet (1 meter); this distance must be observed at all times
3. Faculty and students are responsible for cleaning of music stands, piano keyboards, and other surfaces via disinfectant wipes when entering and exiting room
4. **Special Considerations for Winds/Brass**
  - Masks appropriate for playing include a surgical style mask with a *SINGLE, SMALL* (1-3") slit for the mouthpiece. Masks designed for playing instruments are also commercially available. This requirement applies to all wind and brass instruments, including flutes.
  - Bell covers required for all saxophones and brass instruments
  - Instrument bells should not be directed toward others

### **ENSEMBLES**

1. Masks are required for all individuals at all times including winds, brass, and vocalists.

### **Mandatory Reporting and Tracing due to Covid-Positive Test**

1. Any individual who tests positive for Covid after being on the MSM campus, **must immediately** report their results to [COVIDRESPONSE@MSMNYC.EDU](mailto:COVIDRESPONSE@MSMNYC.EDU).
2. MSM will conduct contact tracing to determine if the individual may have met the threshold of exposing others, and contact such individuals.
3. Any individual who tests positive will not be allowed to return to MSM until a negative PCR test has been received by [CovidResponse@msmnyc.edu](mailto:CovidResponse@msmnyc.edu) and a minimum of 10 days after the onset of symptoms.
4. Any individual who fails to meet this mandatory requirement will be terminated and/or expelled from the Precollege.

### **Alternative Learning Modalities**

1. MSM does not plan to offer any remote-learning options for the 2021-2022 academic year.
2. Due to health and safety conditions, and as guided by federal, state, and local guidelines, MSM reserves its rights to alter the delivery of instruction from in-person to remote learning.
3. Please review the Precollege Student Handbook for more information.