

2021 MYAC Covid Policy Guide

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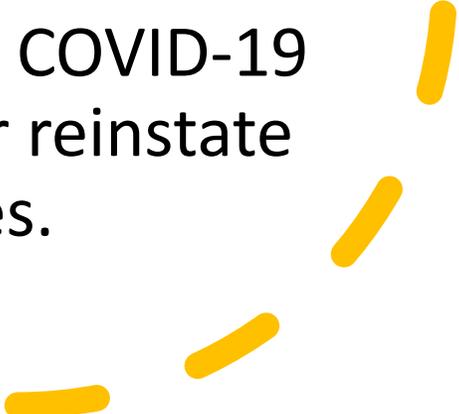




Summer 2021 Update

MYAC is pleased to announce we are entering our next phase in reopening. After careful monitoring of COVID-19 cases, local, state, and federal guidance as well as safety best practices we are ready to relax some of our pandemic restrictions. The following slides will describe the covid protocols around MYAC that will go into effect on 6/1/2021.

MYAC will continue to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic and may further relax or reinstate restrictions as the situation dictates.





Masks at MYAC

- Masks at MYAC will continue to be required in all common spaces (hallways, bathrooms, the commons, etc.)
- Individuals will still be required to wear a mask when entering the building.
- Partner organizations may continue to require masks as they see fit. Please respect our program partners mask policies.

Masks Contd.

- Those who are fully vaccinated will not be required to wear masks when in closed offices or private meetings.
- While masks for the fully vaccinated are not required in closed offices, those who feel safer with a mask on are still encouraged to mask up!
- We understand many individuals are concerned about those around them not wearing masks. MYAC asks that you are respectful of these concerns and gain the consent of those around you before removing your mask in a meeting or office space.





Entry Procedures

- MYAC will be ending the self attestation forms and temperature screening for those entering the building.
- Guests entering the building are required to sign in with the front desk and receive a visitor badge.
- Individuals coming to MYAC should self-assess for the following symptoms prior to entering the facility. Should you feel any potential COVID-19 symptoms please contact your supervisor, or program leader to discuss further action.
 - 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

Spatial Distancing

- Following CDC and Milwaukee health department guidance, MYAC will no longer have COVID-19 based capacity restrictions in place throughout the facility. However, MYAC still encourages spatial distancing in the building when possible.
- Programming partners may still restrict capacities as they see fit based on the nature of their programming and who they are serving.
- **MYAC's Commons spaces will remain closed to parents and visitors.**

A Continued Commitment to Safety

Here at MYAC we remain committed to the safety of students, staff, and visitors. As more individuals are vaccinated and the larger pandemic situation continues to improve, MYAC stays steadfast in its efforts to keep the building safe for all who enter. The following slides detail the measures we continue to take so that our community can safely progress forward.





Decision Making

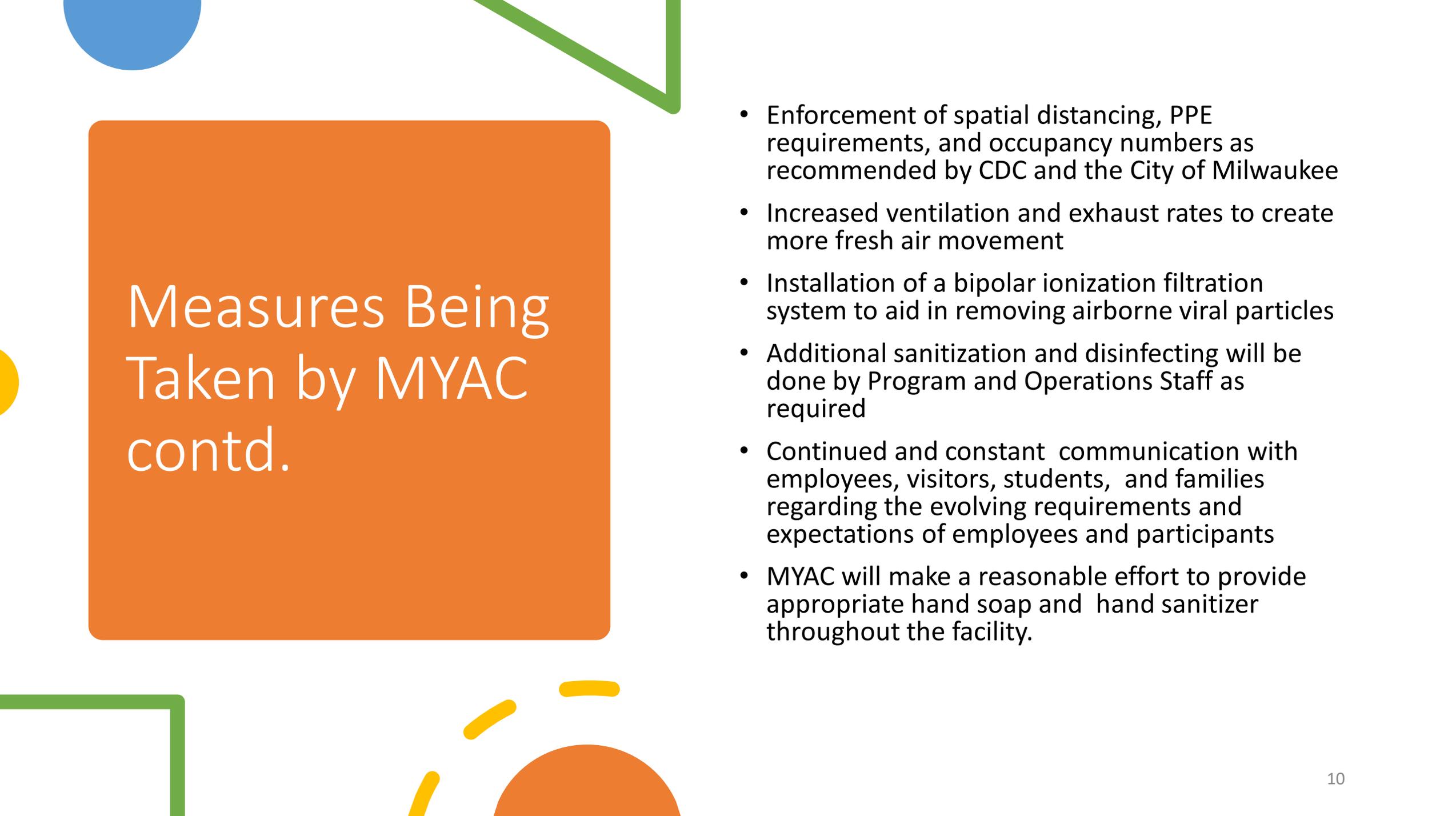
As we continue programming MYAC, First Stage, MYSO, and our other program partners have been collaboratively monitoring the safety of all in the building. Below are the maxims that have, and will continue to, inform all decisions about the ongoing pandemic.

- MYAC holds utmost regard for staff and student health.
- MYAC will meet or exceed all government (local, state, and federal) safety standards for a return to operation.
- MYAC will be wholly collaborative with First Stage, MYSO and all other programming partners during the process of reopening. We will work together to ensure all programming groups safely return to the arts.



Measures Being Taken by MYAC

- Documented daily cleaning in addition to enhanced cleaning and disinfecting of common areas, restrooms, workstations, and other frequent touch points are to be performed daily. All aspects to be documented per CDC guidance.
- Only CDC/FDA approved chemicals and disinfectants shall be used.
- Commons area furniture, cubbies, and other shared items may be removed or cordoned off and made unavailable for use.
- Drinking fountains and other places that can harbor the virus may be removed from service.



Measures Being Taken by MYAC contd.

- Enforcement of spatial distancing, PPE requirements, and occupancy numbers as recommended by CDC and the City of Milwaukee
- Increased ventilation and exhaust rates to create more fresh air movement
- Installation of a bipolar ionization filtration system to aid in removing airborne viral particles
- Additional sanitization and disinfecting will be done by Program and Operations Staff as required
- Continued and constant communication with employees, visitors, students, and families regarding the evolving requirements and expectations of employees and participants
- MYAC will make a reasonable effort to provide appropriate hand soap and hand sanitizer throughout the facility.

Handwashing

- Everyone must implement good hygiene and infection control practices including:
 - Frequent handwashing and use of hand sanitizer.
 - CDC Handwashing guide:
<https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/when-how-handwashing.html>
 - CDC Handwashing Video:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d914EnpU4Fo>
 - Handwashing after touching a shared item
 - Washing hands with soap and water is required when hands have visible dirt on them
 - Hand sanitizer should be applied to totally wet the hand and then rubbed in until it dries
- Everyone must cover coughs and sneezes (with their elbow) even while wearing a mask.



The HVAC System

MYAC has been able to operate safely over the last year partly due to its HVAC system. Our system was designed to meet performing arts standards which, as a fortunate byproduct, allows us to cycle in more fresh air than the average building, school, or office. We've been adding in as much outside fresh air as possible and with the warm spring and summer temperatures we're able to incorporate more outside air. In addition to these capabilities MYAC installed a bipolar-deionization filtration system in November of 2020. The new system allows us to remove almost all airborne pathogens and viral particles.

Parking & Student Drop Off

- In order to eliminate congestion in the main MYAC Parking lot, we ask that parents waiting for their student park in the “MYAC Cell Phone Lot” on the southwest corner of Vel R. Philips (4th street) and Pleasant street.
- When your student is done with class, they should contact you so you can begin lining up on Walnut St. or Vel R. Philips St. to pick them up.
- **Parents, guardians, and other family members will not be able to wait inside MYAC for their student.**



Further Questions?

- If you have questions, please reach out to your supervisor or the arts organization in which your student participates. MYAC will be in constant communication with all groups in the facility and will work diligently to address questions and concerns.
- Thank you for your patience as we continue to safely reopen MYAC. We have missed you all and look forward to a full return to our beloved programming!