

Sō Percussion Studio COVID-19 Policies and Protocols

20 Grand Ave., #205 Brooklyn, NY 11205

As we move forward into our 21-22 season, Sō Percussion is committed to the safety of all of its staff, artists, patrons, and guests. We feel that we have created a system of protocols that comply with all of the best practices of both NYC Health and the CDC (Center for Disease Control and Prevention). The success of our plans relies on the commitment from all relevant constituencies to comply with our COVID-19 protocols.

The following policies and procedures apply to all staff, artists, patrons, and guests.

The following policies are reviewed and will be updated at minimum quarterly, but more regularly as determined.

(dated: September 4, 2021)

Vaccination and Other Required Precautions

- All who use or visit our studio, whether as performers, audience members, or visitors, must show proof of their vaccination against COVID-19 (effective September 13 as required by the [Key to NYC](#) mandate).
- All who rehearse, appear or perform with Sō Percussion at locations other than the Sō Percussion studio must also show proof of their vaccination against COVID-19 and must agree to comply with any other requirements of the location.
- Proof of vaccination may include:
 - NYC Covid Safe App: [Android](#) | [iOS](#)
 - [Excelsior Pass](#)
 - [CDC Vaccination Card](#)
 - [NYC Vaccination Record](#)
 - An official immunization record from outside NYC or the U.S.
- If you received the vaccine outside the U.S., you must have an official immunization record that includes:
 - First name and last name

- Date of birth
 - Vaccine product name ([vaccines authorized by the WHO](#) and/or the FDA are acceptable)
 - Date(s) administered
 - Site where the vaccine was administered, or name of the person who administered it
- If you are unable to be vaccinated due to a health condition or religious belief, please contact Shelby Blezinger-McCay at shelby@sopercussion.com prior to appearing at the studio or other rehearsal or performance venue to discuss whether a possible accommodation is available.
 - If you are unvaccinated, feel ill, or are experience any of the following symptoms we ask that you do not come to the studio. Symptoms included but not limited to are: coughing, fever, shortness of breath, body aches, headaches, sore throat, recent inability to test and smell, diarrhea, fatigue, vomiting and/or abdominal pain, and chills.
 - The use of face masks is required any time more than one person is in the studio regardless of vaccination status. Your mask should:
 - Be clean and in good repair.
 - Fit securely over your mouth and nose.
 - Be positioned so that there is no need to adjust or otherwise touch the face frequently.
 - Should it be needed, a disposable mask will be made available to you.
 - Social distancing is highly recommended when possible.
 - Studio rehearsals and rentals will be scheduled to be no less than 30 minutes apart to help limit contact between guests and to ensure proper air filtration.

Liability Waiver and Contact Tracing

- All who use or visit our studio, whether as performers, audience members, or visitors, will be required to complete and return the [COVID-19 Liability Release Waiver](#). (Hard copies of the waiver will be on standby in the event a guest does not have a smart device.)
- Should you experience any COVID-19 symptoms or test positive for COVID-19 following your event at the studio, please notify Shelby Blezinger-McCay at shelby@sopercussion.com as soon as possible.

- Please fill out our [Contact Tracing form](#) so that we may let you know if, notwithstanding our best efforts, we learn that you may have been exposed to COVID-19.
- Find a location to get tested near you [here](#).

Testing

- A negative COVID-19 test result must be submitted through the COVID-19 Liability Release Waiver or to Shelby Blezinger-McCay at shelby@sopercussion.com at least 3 days prior to any appearance at or use of the Sō Percussion studio.
- Testing and results from your local health care providers, pharmacies and government facilities (including mobile and pop-up testing sites) will be accepted. Find a location to get tested near you [here](#).

Cleaning Procedures

- All spaces inside the studio are thoroughly cleaned and sanitized daily.
- Sō Percussion staff will follow signage identifying new indoor activity requirements from NYC Health that are posted inside the studio to help adhere to the proper hygiene and cleaning protocols to limit the spread of COVID-19 and ensure all touched surfaces and high risk equipment are disinfected regularly.
- Our HVAC system currently uses Blueair 411 and 211 air filters which filter the air at the industry-recommended rate of 4.8x an hour (or about every 12.5 minutes) to effectively lower particle levels and maintain a comfortable environment. Air filters are inspected and replaced on a regular basis.

Discrimination Complaints

- Indoor dining, fitness and entertainment venues must accept valid proof that you received at least one dose of any vaccine authorized for emergency use by the FDA and/or the WHO. This requirement may not be used as an excuse for businesses to discriminate against anyone who has valid vaccination proof.
- You have a right to be free from discrimination or harassment. If you believe you have been discriminated against because of who you are, including your race, national origin or disability, please contact Shelby Blezinger-McCay at

shelby@sopercussion.com or you may contact the [NYC Commission on Human Rights](#).

- [Key to NYC: Guidance for Customers and Employees on Equitable Implementation](#)

Exemption Requests

- All who visit the studio, whether as performers, audience members, or visitors, while Sō Percussion Employees are present will not be provided a medical or religious exemption from vaccination.
- All guest who have rented and/or are rehearsing in the studio without Sō Percussion Employees or Staff present may apply for an exemption from the vaccination requirement.
 - If you have previously been approved for a medical or religious exemption, you may still utilize and visit the Sō Percussion studio with proof of your exemption.
 - Proof of exemption may be provided by request to Shelby Blezinger-McCay at shelby@sopercussion.com.

Failure to comply

- The success of our upcoming season is contingent upon every individual's compliance with all policies mentioned above. Failure to comply with these policies may lead to curtailment of responsibilities, reduction of privileges or denial of access to the studio.