

Expanded Recital Option for Spring 2021 with COVID Testing Requirement

The School of Music will soon have access to SHIELD Illinois Saliva COVID Tests under the auspices of DePaul University. We recommend that all SOM students, staff, and faculty be regularly tested. During a pilot program this spring, we will allow some recitals (see below) to take place following the strict guidelines below that include required testing.

Who

- Students in their final year of study (graduating seniors, graduating master degree students, and graduating certificate students) performing degree-required recitals.
- For students that have two required recitals, only one can be scheduled through this program.
- This is voluntary. Eligible students may perform their recital as described here, or may perform them virtually through the methods we have been using in the fall and winter quarters. The method you use to perform your recital will in no way impact your recital grade.
- Virtual recitals will continue to be available for all students not eligible for this pilot.
- Where applicable, alternative capstones will still be acceptable.

When

- This applies to recitals scheduled only for Spring 2021.
- Recitals already scheduled may be converted to in-person upon request.

Required Testing

- Those participating in this pilot program must have a negative test result within one week before their recital. If a rehearsal takes place before the recital date, then there must also be a negative test within one week before that rehearsal. Testing within three days of events is recommended when possible.
- Testing will be on the Lincoln Park campus on a schedule to be announced.
- Testing is paid for by DePaul University. There is no charge to you and no insurance is necessary.
- Non-DePaul provided test results are also acceptable. DePaul does not pay for such tests. Documentation of the test result must be provided.

Non-DePaul Collaborators

- Non-DePaul collaborators, such as accompanists and ensemble players, may work with you if they provide documented negative test results from non-DePaul providers on the same schedule as DePaul participants (see required testing, above).
- Non-DePaul participants must also sign a liability waiver before using DePaul facilities.

Recital Parameters

1. Testing is required of all participants.
2. Maximum duration: 60 minutes
3. Maximum number of performers: Classical: soloist and accompanist; Jazz: soloist and up to three additional ensemble players.
4. Mask requirements: Keyboard players, percussionists, and string players must be masked at all times. Vocalists and wind players must be masked when not performing. Masks may be removed when making remarks.
5. Social distancing must be maintained: six feet between masked performers, 9 feet between a wind player and other players, 20 feet between a vocalist and other performers. Wind players and vocalists must face away from other performers.
6. Three venues will be made available: Gannon Concert Hall, Allen Recital Hall, and Jarvis Opera Hall.
7. There will be no stage manager or other staff provided for these recitals, except for setup one hour before recitals and breakdown one hour after the recitals.
8. Up to two faculty may be in the hall, but faculty may choose to listen remotely or listen to a recording of the event. Faculty are not required to be tested.
9. Beyond your teachers, no audiences will be allowed.
10. Students may self-record or hire HPC staff for recording.
11. We will attempt to reschedule recitals that must be postponed due to a positive test, based on space availability.
12. Consult the [Performance Office Webpage](#) regarding all processes pertaining to timeline, approvals, space reservations, and program production.
13. Your teacher may have additional requirements for your recital.

Testing Protocols

We are finalizing plans for the on-campus saliva-based testing, coming to the Lincoln Park campus in March. Appointments will be required. Further details on how to sign up will be communicated in late February.

It is important that you review and update if necessary your postal mailing addressed in Campus Connect. This is necessary before you can take part in testing.