# Desautels Faculty of Music COVID-19

**Frequently Asked Questions**

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# Find the most relevant information on the [University of Manitoba COVID-19 Website](https://umanitoba.ca/coronavirus)

**It goes without saying, but if you are feeling ill or experiencing cold/fu-like symptoms, please remain at home. Please do not come to campus!!**

# Overview: Winter 2022 Term

# Masking

A reminder that KN95 masks are required by everyone throughout the UM campus. There are no exceptions to this policy. In Music, KN95 masks are required for all MPS lessons, ensemble rehearsals, and classes. The exception are the winds and brass students, who have been provided reusable specialty wind and brass masks. Further, the expectation of bell covers will also remain in place for this latter group of students.

Despite the change in government masking restrictions come March 15th, the U of Manitoba is mandating the wearing of masks throughout the winter term.

Beginning February 28th, the UM is providing KN95 masks free to students until March 11th. There are kiosks found in UMSU, the libraries, and at various locations across campus.

**Physical distancing**

There are occupancy limits in all rooms at the DFOM that will ensure proper physical distancing in those rooms.  On most rooms, these occupancy limits are posted on the door.

There are no specific physical distancing requirements in hallways, elevators, or the library, although we strongly recommend that you stay 1 meter away from others whenever possible.

While eating, ensure that you stay 1 meter away from others.

# Study Spaces

Note that because of the concert hall construction adjacent to Taché-2, there will be no study spaces available in the DFOM until at least the winter term break. Instead, we are allocating practice rooms if you are on campus and need some private space. Please contact [Liza Isakov](mailto:Liza.Isakov@umanitoba.ca) or [Sue Stone Scott](mailto:Sue.StoneScott@umanitoba.ca) to arrange a practice room for such study time. Alternatively, study space is also presently available in the Eckhardt Gramatté library as well as other libraries on campus.

# Building Access

Beginning February 28th, the Taché building is open from 7:30 am until 9:30 pm, Monday through Sunday. The buildings are completely locked on statutory holidays.

# Categories of Course Delivery for the Winter Term 2022

**Large Ensembles**

All large ensembles (all choirs, Wind Ensemble, UMSO, UMJO, Percussion Ensemble, Opera Theatre, and Musical Theatre) will be delivered in person. Beginning February 28th, we returned to the full size for these groups. Plans are in place for final end-of-term concerts, which depending upon the group, will be either on campus or at a location off campus.

# Small Ensembles

All small ensembles will rehearse and be coached in person using the classrooms that were designated for these small ensemble rehearsal/coachings.

# MPS Instruction

All MPS instruction will be delivered in person.

# Tech classes / Pedagogy classes / Music Education / Composition classes / Conducting / Various Jazz classes (Jazz Improvisation, Composition and Arranging, etc.)

Beginning February 28th, all these categories of classes will be delivered in person and on campus.

# Music Theory / Music History / Musicianship Skills

All of these courses will continue with an exclusive remote delivery for the remainder of winter term.

# Final Pieces

**Practice Rooms**

You are encouraged to use the practice rooms available on the 4th floor of Taché. The occupancy limits are listed on each door. Please email [music@umanitoba.ca](mailto:music@umanitoba.ca) to reserve practice rooms for the Winter 2022 term.

# Recitals

Student degree recital performances will proceed as scheduled. An audience is possible, the size of which is outlined below under “Audiences.”

**Off-Campus Recitals**

End-of-term recitals may be scheduled either on- or off-campus. However, the on-campus protocols for masking, social distancing, and audience attendance (see below) must be adhered to for any off-campus recitals.

**Audiences**

The audience limit for any recital or concert, both on or off campus will be determined by the occupancy limit of the room minus the number of performers in the ensemble. If you have questions pertaining to audience size, please contact Sue Stone Scott.

# Competitions

Information about our various annual competitions can be found on the various notice boards throughout Taché. Please contact [Dr. Laura Loewen](mailto:Laura.Loewen@umanitoba.ca) if you have any questions.

# Eckhardt Gramatté Music Library

The library is open Monday – Friday, from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. The study spaces in the library are available for use. Food and drink are not allowed at all in the library.

# Rehearsals

Rehearsals are available to book, please contact <mailto:Sue.StoneScott@umanitoba.ca>to book your time slot.

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**Important Resources to Stay up to Date:**

Please visit the University of Manitoba [General Health Guidelines](https://umanitoba.ca/coronavirus/health-safety) for the latest health news.

Please regularly check your University of Manitoba email inbox, where updates are sent regularly from the University as well as the Desautels Faculty of Music.

Resources are available to help [students](https://news.umanitoba.ca/stress-support/) if the pandemic is taking a toll on your mental health.