

Safe Nights at the Symphony: 2021-2022 Season Live Regathering



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In response to a decrease in COVID-19 cases in Michigan and in consultation with healthcare professionals, the West Michigan Symphony has updated its mask policy. Effective May 6, 2022, masks, while recommended, are optional for all patrons attending events at WMS concerts and events. Proof of full vaccination for COVID-19 or a negative COVID-19 test for all guests is still required upon entry. See below for full policy.

To facilitate the safe return to live performances during the 2021-2022 Season, West Michigan Symphony (WMS) established the **Safe Nights at the Symphony** protocol consistent with recommendations from the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

Safe Nights at the Symphony guidelines include:

- Audience members must show proof of fully vaccinated status, with the second dose administered at least 14 days before concert.
- Unvaccinated audience members (including children under the minimum age for vaccination) must present proof of a negative COVID-19 test administered within 72 hours of concert.
- All audience members must wear face covering masks while Muskegon County COVID-19 transmission risk remains at the CDC transmission levels of substantial or high. When Muskegon County falls to the moderate or low level, masks will be recommended but not mandatory.

Muskegon County's risk level is currently rated at **low** level. Consistent with policy, WMS recommends but no longer requires the wearing of masks at concerts and events. In the event the risk level increases to **high**, we will reinstate mandatory masking.

WMS will continue to require proof of vaccination or a recent negative COVID-19 test for admission to concerts and events through the remainder of the 2021-2022 Season.

In addition, consistent with [CDC recommendations](#), we urge that patrons stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters, utilize the [CDC Coronavirus Self-Checker](#) regularly, immediately seek a rapid test if you are exhibiting any symptoms, and learn more about [safe return to activities](#) if you've been ill.