



Community Arts Hall COVID Policy (updated 10MAR2022)

The local, regional, state, national and worldwide COVID pandemic situation changes as the virus variants and our ability to manage them changes.

COVID is an airborne virus. Increased air exchange in rooms decreases the spread. Carpenter's Barn has installed a new furnace and air filtration system with MERV 14 filters which circulates the air approximated every 12 minutes. Classes and work tables for classes are maintained so all participants can be at least 6 feet apart.

This policy is informed by the current metrics reported for Madison County Health Department and on the website CovidActNow.org.

As of March 5, 2022 the risk of COVID in Madison County has come down and is almost at the MEDIUM RISK level. Many facilities have moved to masks being optional, especially for those who are vaccinated. Staying in line with masks policies for some of the other adult classes (Cazenovia College), we will maintain our stated policy of masks being required while we monitor developments over the next two weeks to determine how safely and when we can relax these policies.

Due to this "Risk Level" with more than 20% of the local population over 60 years of age, and for everyone's health and safety, the following basic protocol is to be followed by everyone who enters Carpenter's Barn:

- Everyone who is in the class/group must be vaccinated.
- Everyone must wear a mask for the entirety of the time in class.
- If you are symptomatic, or have a known exposure, please do not come to the class.
- If you are renting the Barn, it is your responsibility to make sure your group follows these protocols.

When it is determined that we are at MEDIUM to LOW Risk Level for ten consecutive days, this protocol will be updated to reflect the safer situation. The "High Risk" protocol will stay in place until it is updated in this COVID POLICY document.