

COVID PROTOCOLS FOR AKI STUDIO RENTERS

Aki Studio is managed by Native Earth Performing Arts, located in the **Daniels Spectrum**, managed by Toronto Artscape. The building has created various safeguards to protect tenants and visitors during restrictions or lockdowns due to pandemic.

On March 1st, 2022 the Government of Ontario intends to end the vaccine passport system. Native Earth will continue to require proof of vaccination (minimum 2 Health Canada approved) from all staff, renters, and volunteers until further notice.

1. Renters and all persons associated with the Rental Company entering Aki Studio during the rental must provide **proof of full vaccination** along with **photo ID**. To be considered fully vaccinated, 2 valid doses of a Ministry of Health approved COVID-19 vaccine must have been received 14 days prior to the rental start date. **Link to approved vaccines:** <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-health-products/covid19industry/drugs-vaccines-treatments/vaccines.html>
2. Renters are responsible for collecting proof of vaccination for all team members entering Aki Studio and emailing proof to Alex Franks at boxoffice@nativeearth.ca prior to the rental start date (documents will be kept confidential).
3. **COVID-19 Officer:** Each renter must have at least one designated COVID-19 Officer who will ensure compliance with health and safety protocols as laid out in this document, including the collection of COVID-19 related documents (i.e. vaccine receipts).
4. Renters are responsible for administering COVID-19 rapid tests on all persons with the Rental Company that are **unvaccinated due to a medical exemption**. Please see "Medical Exemptions" on page 2 for more details and conditions.
5. Within the studio, renters are strongly advised to maintain social distancing and must wear masks if they are not involved in any active performance scene work or on camera work.
6. Daniels Spectrum is using 63% - 75% fresh air circulation, and [MERV 14](#) air filters. Public areas and high touch surface are repeatedly sanitized on most days.
7. 13 days following your visit to Aki Studio, if you or any of your party test positive for COVID-19, you are required to inform Native Earth – himanshu@nativeearth.ca and alex@nativeearth.ca .

8. If a positive COVID-19 case is detected in your group, whether through rapid tests or PCR tests. You must inform Alex Franks at boxoffice@nativeearth.ca or call 416-531-1402 x23 immediately.
9. Any member of the rental group that tests positive for COVID-19 will be asked to leave Aki immediately, go home and self-isolate for 5 – 7 days. When the isolation period ends and after taking 3 rapid tests, of which at least 2 are negative, they may return to Aki if they are not experiencing any symptoms.
10. It is the responsibility of renters to communicate all vaccine mandate requirements to their artists, staff members, associated artists and contract workers.
11. Audience members must wear masks while inside the lobby or theatre.
12. Renters must provide a contingency plan detailing what steps will be taken, *with specific regard to audience communications*, if the rental is cancelled due to a positive COVID-19 test result.

MEDICAL EXEMPTIONS

Native Earth requires all Renters/Staff Members/Artists/Associated Contract Workers/Associated Artists to be vaccinated. However, we recognize medical exemptions exist and we will accommodate persons who are unable to get vaccinated.

Note that the following conditions below must be followed for anyone not fully vaccinated* to enter the studio whether it is for work or to see a show.

***Please note as of January 10th, 2022. Medical Exemption Letters will no longer be accepted and on all Medical Exemptions will be required to show a QR Code that will be scanned prior to entering the studio.**

MEDICAL EXEMPTION QR CODES:

To receive a Medical Exemption QR Code:

- Ask an Ontario physician or registered nurse in the extended class to submit your exemption request directly to the public health unit where the issuer's practice is located
- Once your exemption is accepted and entered into COVaxON by the public health unit, you'll be able to access your enhanced vaccine certificate with QR code through the [COVID-19 covid 19vaccination portal](#)

Please visit this link to see valid medical exemptions for COVID-19 as of January 12th, 2022.

https://health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/vaccine/medical_exemptions_to_vaccination.pdf

AUDIENCES

Audience members are not required to show proof of vaccination. This policy can be modified based on community and artist needs and in consultation with Native Earth.

1. NATIVE EARTH STAFF/VOLUNTEERS

If a staff member or volunteer has not been fully vaccinated they must produce:

1. A Medical Exemption QR Code
2. A Negative COVID-19 PCR or POCT Molecular tests result taken from within 72 hours of arriving
3. Take a COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test when they arrive for their shift and receive a negative result.

ARTISTS

If a contracted Artist has not been fully vaccinated they must produce:

1. A Medical Exemption QR Code
2. A Negative COVID-19 PCR or POCT Molecular tests result taken from within 72 hours of arriving for rehearsal (this test must be taken once a week if applicable)
3. Take a COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test when they arrive for their rehearsal or performance and receive a negative result

RENTERS

Members of the rental company who are not fully vaccinated and have a valid medical exemption must produce:

1. A Medical Exemption QR Code
2. A Negative COVID-19 PCR or POCT Molecular tests result taken from within 72 hours of arriving for rehearsal (this test must be taken once a week during the rental period)
3. Take a COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test when they arrive at the studio and receive a negative result.

COVID-19 ANTIGEN RAPID TESTS

Antigen rapid tests are highly recommended for all artists and contractors utilizing the space. If anyone receives a positive test, they must follow isolation protocols (5 to 10 days depending on symptoms and vaccination status). If available, a COVID-19 PCR or Molecular Test should also be taken to confirm or deny the result.

Disposing of COVID-19 Rapid Tests: These tests can be disposed of in an regular garbage, just make sure to wipe down whatever surface you tested on.

For any questions or clarifications please contact
Alexander Franks (Native Earth Performing Arts Box Office)
Patron Services Coordinator, Native Earth
E: boxoffice@nativeearth.ca; T: 416-531-1402 x 34

****It will be up to the designated un-vaccinated individual to find an assessment centre where they are eligible for a test or use a take home PCR test to get the results.***

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