



Paul Nigra Center
for Creative Arts

COVID-19 RENTAL INFORMATION

Effective July 15, 2020

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Nigra Arts Center is in full compliance with federal and state regulations for social distancing, hygiene and mask wearing. Attached please find our current Safety Plan that has been submitted to New York State as part of our re-opening plan in compliance with the New York Forward initiatives

(<https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/NYForwardReopeningGuide.pdf>)

Presently, we are following state guidelines for building capacity and large gatherings. The Arts Center is located in Fulton County within the Mohawk Valley Region which entered Phase Four of the New York Forward Initiatives on June 26, 2020. These guidelines state:

Large Gatherings: *Are only permitted if 50 or fewer people are in attendance in Phase Four regions.*

Masks & Face Coverings: *Individuals must wear face coverings when they are in a public and are: within six feet of distance from other individuals; or in a situation or setting where they are unable to maintain six feet of distance from other individuals; or in a public or private transportation carrier or for-hire vehicle. We will require face masks be worn by anyone entering or visiting our facility.*

<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/travel-large-gatherings-and-quarantines>

We have clean, disinfected cloth coverings for use by your guests if they should need one, or there are surgical masks available for \$2/piece. At the end of the event, there is a container for drop off of used face coverings near the building's reception desk. Used surgical masks can be disposed of in nearest trash receptacle.

For contact tracing purposes and for the safety of everyone at the Nigra Arts Center as well as your guests, we **require the collection of contact information for every attendee at your gathering** (the form is attached). Please know that this form and procedures follow protocols for all buildings owned and/or operated by Lexington, our parent company. We will have staff on hand at the beginning of your event to make sure all documentation is collected, including temperatures. Please make your guests aware of the screening procedures required, including the collection of phone numbers for this purpose. No one will be allowed to enter the building if they do not provide the necessary information. Attendees who do not meet the required criteria (no

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sickness, no exposure, not recently traveled to a restricted state or region without quarantine, etc.) will NOT be allowed in the building. See the Travel Advisory below.

The rental fee will include a \$25 charge for PPE, and staff that need to be on hand for screening procedures.

In addition, please be aware of the following information:

TRAVEL ADVISORY FOR TRAVELERS/RESIDENTS ARRIVING IN NEW YORK

In response to increased rates of COVID-19 transmission in certain states within the United States, and to protect New York's successful containment of COVID-19, New York has joined with New Jersey and Connecticut in jointly issuing a travel advisory for anyone returning from travel to states that have a significant degree of community-wide spread of COVID-19. This advisory states that if you have traveled from within one of the designated states with significant community spread, you must quarantine when you enter NY for 14 days from the last travel within these designated states, unless you are passing through these states for a limited duration (under 24 hours). As of July 14 these states are Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Idaho, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, New Mexico, Nevada, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah and Wisconsin. The travel advisory requires all New Yorkers, as well as those visiting from out of state, to take personal responsibility for complying with the advisory in the best interest of public health and safety.

On July 13, Governor Cuomo announced new travel enforcement operations at airports across the state to help ensure travelers are following these quarantine restrictions, and the NYS Department of Health is requesting that airline travelers complete a Traveler Form upon entering New York. Travelers arriving on trains or buses or cars are asked to fill out the Traveler Form online. For questions about the travel advisory visit coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory

In the event that applicable local, state or federal guidelines or restrictions change regarding our facility and programs, or regarding gatherings or events, we reserve the right to reschedule or cancel an event. In the case of cancellation, full deposits will be refunded.

If you have any questions or need further information about these guidelines please contact Lori White, Nigra Arts Center Event Coordinator, at (518) 661-9932 or via email at whiteL@thearclexington.org.