Dear students and parents,

We want you to know that Jazz St. Louis takes the health and safety of all of our students, staff, and teaching artists very seriously. We have consulted with infectious disease doctors from Washington University and will continue to monitor the situation regionally/nationally to make sure that we can carry out our JazzU auditions safely. Along those lines, we are instituting some specific procedures for the JazzU auditions to ensure the health and safety of everyone involved.

- If you are not feeling well in any way, please do not come in. We can reschedule your audition or have you perform them virtually. Similarly, if you are just not comfortable coming in to do your audition in person, we can work around that, as well. Neither scenario will hurt your chances to be accepted, we just ask that you communicate those concerns as soon as you can.
- We will ask you to limit the number of people entering the building with students to two additional people. One of our biggest precautions will be keeping the number of people in our spaces limited so we can properly socially distance.
- All students were given an arrival time. We will ask that you do not come into the building until that time. This will help make sure there aren’t too many people in any of our spaces at once.
- Everyone entering the building will be required to fill out a short health survey. A copy of it is being mailed to you and it will be available on our website on the JazzU audition page (https://jazzstl.org/education/jazz-u/2020-21-jazzu-auditions/). We will have hard copies available on site, as well.
- In accordance with mandates from St. Louis City and County, everyone will be required to wear masks inside the building. Students playing a wind instrument will obviously be allowed to remove their mask to warm up and perform their audition, but we will ask them to keep their mask on when they are not playing.
- Upon arrival, students will be checked in and taken upstairs to our education center to warm up. You will be assigned a warm-up room in the education center. We will be rotating rooms so that we can wipe down each room between use.
- Hand sanitizer will be readily available at the check-in location, in the education center, and by the stage.
- The auditions themselves will be held in the Ferring Jazz Bistro, which will give us plenty of room to keep safe distances between the faculty conducting the auditions and the students auditioning.
- There will be a band (made up of members of our JazzU faculty) to accompany students auditioning, but they will also be spaced with more than six feet of space between each other and students that are auditioning. They will also be masked.
- All shared instruments (the piano, amplifiers, and drums) will be disinfected between students. Drummers, we will have cymbals set up for you, so despite the wording in your audition letter, you will just need to bring sticks and brushes.
- Lastly, we will have staff on hand to help navigate the process and make sure everyone is where they need to be. We will ask that you follow their directives and do not go anywhere without being instructed to do so.
We want to thank everyone in advance for your cooperation and flexibility. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know. We are very excited to hear everyone’s audition and are looking forward another exciting program year!

Sincerely,

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