

COVID-19 Smiley Art Building Access Rules

In keeping with the Art Department's scientific orientation to safety, we are instituting rigid, non-negotiable rules to protect the health and safety of students, faculty, and staff under Covid-19 conditions.

Regularly check the [Coronavirus Information and Resources](#) page.

Each day before visiting campus: Log in to my.newpaltz.edu to complete the *Daily Health Screening*.

Rule #1

Enter the SAB only within your designated class and/or access hours.

Each program/ studio will institute a scheduling system to meet occupancy and distancing requirements. You will know what your access hours are. Do not enter the SAB outside those hours.

(Contact a faculty member if you are uncertain about your personal access parameters.)

Rule #2

A mask must always be worn when in the Smiley Art Building.

Masks must be worn properly, covering the nose and mouth always.

This rule is based on the following facts:

- 1) **Covid-19 is primarily spread by individuals who don't know they have the virus.**
- 2) Although transmission via object/surface contact is possible, **Covid-19 is primarily spread via respiratory droplets.**
- 3) Respiratory droplets may remain airborne in indoor spaces for long periods of time and may travel beyond the 6-foot distancing standard.

Myth buster:

If I'm alone in a room, can't I take my mask off and put it on when someone else enters the room?

NO! When that person enters, they may be breathing in droplets you exhaled before they entered.

Rule #3

Maintain a minimum 6-foot/1-meter distance between yourself and others.

Rule #4

Wash or sanitize* hands before studio entry, before and after using common tools, equipment, fixtures, etc., before studio exit. (*Thorough handwashing with soap is best.) Disinfect surfaces/ objects according to protocols established in each studio. (Details will vary.)

Rule #5

All **flammable, corrosive, hazardous supplies** must be stored in designated places.

Rule #6

Please report immediately any **accidents, injuries, broken/ dysfunctional equipment, or hazardous conditions** to a faculty member.

Failure to follow any these rules will lead to loss of studio access, and may lead to academic and/or judicial consequences.