



Crane School of Music 2021-2022 Auditions: COVID-19 Protocols Updated March 2022

We have followed the changing landscape of the COVID-19 pandemic and have created the following protocols for auditioning students to do our best to ensure the safety of our auditioning students and their families as well as our faculty, staff, and students. The following information is subject to change.

Facial Coverings: Please make sure everyone in your party has an appropriate mask with them. SUNY Potsdam no longer requires people entering buildings on campus to wear a face covering. On entry into the building, facial coverings are optional.

However, facial coverings, which covers both mouth and nose at all times, are required in classrooms and studios, so visitors must wear a mask when entering their audition room or attending an information session.

- The only time auditioning students are permitted to lower or remove their mask is while:
 - performing on a woodwind, brass instrument (please lower the mask to play and then raise it again after finishing playing), or
 - while singing in a vocal audition (please remove the mask right before singing and then replace it after finishing).

Vaccination Status: Because we have different protocols for playing a wind instrument or singing for fully vaccinated students than we do for unvaccinated (or partially vaccinated) students, we need to know the vaccination status of woodwind, brass, and voice students. Those students only will be contacted by the Crane Auditions staff with a request to provide information about your COVID-19 vaccination status. We will need that information no later than two weeks prior to your audition.

Woodwind, brass, and voice students who are not fully vaccinated can audition for Crane. However, we will take extra precautions. These auditions will be held in a room large enough so that appropriate social distancing can occur, and where rooms can be left empty before and after each audition to permit for air exchange.

Warm-up spaces: Regardless of vaccination status, students may use our practice rooms to warm up for their auditions. We caution students who are not fully vaccinated to wait five minutes after someone else emerges from a practice (if you see them) before entering to permit air to circulate. Aerosol particulates, which can transmit COVID-19, can accumulate in the small space of a practice room. We want you to be safe while you are here. We are planning for reduced density in practice rooms on audition days with the assistance of current Crane students.

Self-Screen before Audition Day

Everyone in your party who is entering the Crane Complex (or any SUNY Potsdam building) or one of our off-campus audition sites needs to self-screen on the day of your audition. For each person, answer these four questions:

1. Do you have a fever above 100F? Yes/No

2. Have you had COVID-19 symptoms within the past 14 days? (Symptoms include cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, diarrhea, headache, congestion or runny nose, nausea, vomiting) Yes/No
3. Have you had a positive COVID-19 test within the past 14 days? Yes/No
4. Have you had close contact with a confirmed or suspected COVID-19 case within the past 14 days? Yes/No

If you or anyone in your party answers 'yes' to any of these questions, that person should not enter the building (either the Crane Complex or the off-campus location). If it is the auditioning student who answers 'yes' to any of these questions, you will have to reschedule your audition or change your audition to a video audition. Contact auditions@potdam.edu to make that change.

Note that we are complying with NYS mandates and campus policy and ask for your support in these efforts.

Enrolling at Crane: The SUNY-system does have a COVID-19 vaccine mandate. Students must show proof of full vaccination prior to the start of the first semester. Students may apply for a medical or religious exemption. If that exemption is approved, we will work with the student on accommodations to their schedules, depending on the state of the pandemic and the courses they are in. As noted above, we currently have protocols for non-vaccinated students related to singing and wind playing, which can affect ensemble placement, studio lessons, and other classes. Music Education students experience accommodations for their practica or student teaching, depending on rules in place in relevant school districts or the vaccination status of minors. Music Business students will need to meet the vaccination requirements of any organization or company they work for during their practica or internship.

Questions? Email us at auditions@potdam.edu