



International Western Music Association (IWMA) COVID-19 Policy

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The health and safety of the IWMA Family is the first priority of the IWMA Board of Directors. After much discussion, keeping only the well-being of the IWMA family in mind and without any political agenda, the Board is implementing the following policy and asking all IWMA members to please help us protect you and others attending the IWMA Convention November 10-14 in Albuquerque.

Based on the latest recommendations by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), we strongly encourage all attendees to wear masks, regardless of vaccination status. The State of New Mexico currently has a mask mandate in place **requiring** masks for all indoor activities, and IWMA will adhere to all state and local restrictions. We will continue to monitor the New Mexico health and safety requirements up to and thru the end of the Convention and will keep you informed.

We kindly ask that you not attend the 2021 IWMA Convention if you are unwilling to follow current mandates or if any of the following applies to you or anyone in your party:

- ✓ Within 14 days prior to going to Albuquerque you have tested positive or been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.
- ✓ Within 14 days prior to going to Albuquerque you have traveled to any international territory identified by federal or applicable state or local governments as being subject to travel or quarantine advisories due to COVID-19.
- ✓ Within 14 days prior to going to Albuquerque you have been unwell with fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath, nausea, diarrhea, loss of taste or smell or other symptoms of COVID-19.

If you show your vaccination card at Convention Registration, you can receive an "I'm Vaccinated" sticker.

This policy is in alignment with policies recently announced by other associations and gatherings and may change as we approach our event due to Federal, State and/or Local mandates or restrictions.

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