St. Johnsbury Athenaeum

Reopening Plan Update

 April 16, 2021

According to the Governor’s reopening plan, which is based on achieving stated vaccination rates and subject to change, the following adjustments will be implemented at the Athenaeum on the listed dates.

See the full *Vermont Forward* plan [here](https://www.vermont.gov/vermont-forward#gsc.tab=0):

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See Universal Guidance information [here](https://accd.vermont.gov/covid-19/vermont-forward/business-operations). Scroll down.

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(The plan is posted for staff and volunteers to read at the daily health check station.)

**Effective Saturday, May 1**

**The Athenaeum is one of the many Vermont Group B Sector businesses than will adopt Universal Guidance mandates, rather than business specific guidance.**

**Here is a list of changes, and continuing mandates.**

* We are allowed to and we will stop using this daily health check station. You will no longer be required to check your temperature or attest to anything.
* The Covid-symptoms and distancing signs will remain in place as mandated.
* Alcohol hand sanitizing stations will remain in place.

**The following mandates are part of Universal Guidance and remain in force until July 4**:

* DO NOT COME TO WORK OR STAY AT WORK IF YOU HAVE COVID 19 SYMPTOMS.
* IF YOU ARE NOT FULLY VACCINATED (14 DAYS POST LAST SHOT) AND YOU ARE AROUND A PERSON WITH COVID 19 FOR MORE THAN 15 MINUTES YOU MUST QUARANTINE FOR 7 DAYS, FOLLOWED BY A NEGATIVE TEST, OR QUARNATINE FOR 14 DAYS BEFORE YOU MAY RETURN TO WORK.
* YOU MUST WEAR A MASK/FACE COVERING WHILE WORKING.
* YOU MUST REMAIN SIX FEET FROM ALL OTHER PEOPLE WHILE WORKING.
* YOU ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A NEGATIVE TEST WITHIN THREE DAYS OF RETURN FROM OUT OF STATE TRAVEL UNLESS YOU ARE FULLY VACCINATED. (This particular mandate ends June 1)

**EFFECTIVE TUESDAY, JUNE 1**

* The space per person requirement reduces from 100 sq. ft. to 50 sq. ft. Therefore our occupancy limits double. I’ll put up new signs. All other conditions (except next bullet point) are the same as May 1 Universal Guidance mandates.
* Testing and/or quarantine mandates for out of state travel end.
* All other conditions are the same as May 1.

**EFFECTIVE SUNDAY, JULY 4**

**ALL COVID-RELATED STATE MANDATES END**. Universal Guidance is no longer in force. Some mandates may become *recommendations*.

Neither we, nor volunteers, nor visitors will be required to:

* Wear a mask/facial covering,
* Observe social distancing,
* We will stop quarantining materials.
* Occupancy returns to fire code limits

It will make sense to remain cautious, but there are no longer any mandates. We will have weekly meetings in June to discuss whether we will impose any Atheneaeum-specific requirements, such as mask wearing, etc., though I am unlikely to do so as I worry about the pushback from visitors.

* Staff may continue to wear a mask/face covering if desired.
* Plexiglass shields will remain in place at circulation desks.
* Signs will be posted to remind folks that the virus is still around and distancing remains a good idea.