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Beck Center for the Arts, Along with Peer Organizations, Announces Audience Vaccination Policies

Lakewood, OH—[Beck Center for the Arts](#), on behalf of [Blank Canvas Theatre](#), [Cleveland Play House](#), [Dobama Theatre](#), [Ensemble Theatre](#), [Great Lakes Theater](#), [LatinUS Theater Company](#), [Maelstrom Collaborative Arts](#), [Ohio Shakespeare Festival](#), [Rubber City Theatre](#), [Seat of the Pants Productions](#), [Talespinner Children's Theatre](#), and [Weathervane Playhouse](#) shares the following audience vaccination policies, effective September 30, 2021.

As Northeast Ohio theaters navigate the return to live in-person indoor theater and performance, concern for safety of patrons, performers, and staff is of utmost importance.

Similar to the unified approach taken by peers in New York City, Chicago, Washington D.C., New Jersey, and other communities, Beck Center for the Arts, Blank Canvas Theatre, Cleveland Play House, Dobama Theatre, Ensemble Theatre, Great Lakes Theater, LatinUS Theater Company, Maelstrom Collaborative Arts, Ohio Shakespeare Festival, Rubber City Theatre, Seat of the Pants Productions, Talespinner Children's Theatre and Weathervane Playhouse have adopted similar policies to what Playhouse Square announced on September 7, 2021, for live, ticketed, indoor theater performances, that audience members over the age of 12 must show proof of vaccination starting September 30, 2021.

While there are many details to be worked out to suit this policy to our specific theaters, we believe there is considerable strength in the whole of Cleveland's theatrical community uniting around this action. We strongly believe that this policy will provide audiences, staff, crew, and artists with a critical additional layer of safety.

Performances that take places inside [Beck Center for the Arts](#), are located at 17801 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood, just ten minutes west of downtown Cleveland. For more information visit beckcenter.org.

Beck Center for the Arts is proud to be a part of Northeast Ohio's professional theater landscape, operating under a letter of agreement with Actors' Equity Association. We are a Small Professional Theater (SPT) based on the number of seats, number of our performances, and the maximum weekly hours of work we provide to actors. We produce every show on our stages, by choosing the play, casting and rehearsing it, building the sets, props, and costumes, directing and performing the live music, and designing lights and sound. We proudly utilize regional resources and talent.

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Beck Center for the Arts is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization that offers professional theater productions on two stages, arts education programming in dance, music, theater, visual arts, early childhood, and creative arts therapies for individuals with disabilities, free gallery exhibits year-round, and outreach education programming.

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