

Dear School of Music Community,

I hope your first two weeks at School have been enjoyable and fulfilling. I want to take this opportunity to follow up on the message below from SVP Dan Reed. As SVP Reed states below, the University of Utah remains in Orange restrictions status, despite SLC relaxing its restrictions by moving to Yellow restrictions status (effective yesterday, September 4).

What this means for the School of Music is that the risk of contracting the virus through social and performance activities happening off-campus is now much greater than in the School of Music, where we have implemented a variety of important additional safety measures specific to music to ensure your safety and to ensure continuing opportunities for in-person student experiences, particularly in music ensembles. The School of Music will continue to implement all the safety measures it has put in place since the beginning of the Fall semester.

When out and about, please consider avoiding any social or performance situations outside the University that do not meet the safety standards put in place by the University (<https://coronavirus.utah.edu/>) and the School of Music (<https://music.utah.edu/news/returntocampus.php#safety>). As you know, when one person in a class or ensemble tests positive for COVID-19, it puts the whole class or ensemble at risk of COVID-19 and at risk of having to go fully online instead of in person. In other words, each one of us in the School is responsible for everyone else's safety and for continuing to be able to perform music together in person. Please keep this in mind, always.

Wishing you safe and fulfilling musical experiences,

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