restorative justice initiative

COVID-19 Safety Protocol For 2022 Spring Benefit

As restorative justice practitioners, we understand that we are all deeply interconnected and that we hold a collective responsibility of care for one another.

The current level of community spread in New York City is HIGH. We made the decision to postpone until June 15th with this in mind. In the event that the spread decreases, our event will be held indoors but we do not expect the room to be filled to capacity. We will be serving food and drinks so we understand it will not be practical for everyone to be masked for the duration (although some of you may choose to do so). We will not be checking vaccination status at our event, but the NYC Health Department recommends vaccination for COVID 19 for everyone age 5 and up. Even fully vaccinated people can contract COVID in a group setting.

For these reasons, **we are asking all of our guests to get tested within 48 to 24 hours of the event**. Please be prepared to show proof of your negative COVID test at the door. We are accepting the following forms of proof: 1) a photo of a negative at home test, 2) a photo of a negative PCR or rapid test, 3) by using a self testing kit that we will provide before entering the venue. This is subject to change based on public health guidance and local laws at the time of the event.

There are many free COVID testing sites within NYC, and you can find the one closest to you on the NYC Health and Hospitals' website. We will also have a limited number of rapid tests available on site. While we acknowledge that COVID test results are not always accurate, we will ask you not to join us in person if you test positive within five days of the event, if you have symptoms or if you have recently been exposed. We encourage you to assess your own risk factors before deciding whether to attend our event. We thank you for your support and we look forward to celebrating with you in person soon.

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