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COVID-19 Safety Protocol For In-Person Programming

As restorative justice practitioners, we understand that we are all deeply interconnected and that we hold a collective responsibility of care for one another, especially for the most vulnerable among us. **COVID-19, flu, and RSV are currently spreading throughout NYC.** Our upcoming event will be held indoors. At events when food and drinks are served, we **strongly** encourage you to wear a mask over your nose and mouth when you are not eating or drinking. We will not be checking vaccination status at our event, because even fully vaccinated people can contract COVID in a group setting, however, the NYC Health Department recommends bivalent COVID-19 boosters for everyone age 5 and up.

For the safety of our staff, guests, hosts, performers, their families, and community members, **we ask all attendees to get tested within 48 to 24 hours of any in-person event**. Please be prepared to show proof of your negative COVID test at the door. We accept the following proof forms: 1) a photo of a negative at-home test, 2) a photo of a negative PCR or rapid test, and 3) 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. During programming, we will keep the windows open in the event space's main room and have hand sanitizer. We will also have a limited number of rapid tests available on-site.

The cost of a lab test without insurance averages $130, but testing is covered by most insurance. You can get free at-home tests at your local library. There are also free lab tests at some local hospitals. While we acknowledge that COVID test results are only sometimes accurate, we will ask you to refrain from joining 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 attending any programming. We thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you.

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