

Players Club of Swarthmore (PCS) COVID Policy

Dear Patrons, Players and Staff,

A little more than seven weeks ago, live theater returned to the Players Club of Swarthmore for the first time since March 2020. We have been overjoyed to see so many of our friends return to the theater through our productions of *Detroit* and *If/Then*.

To continue to safely share our art with you, we have been reviewing best practices and policies and consulting with experts from a variety of sources.

We'd like to share with you an update to that end:

Effective October 22 — that is, starting with the opening of our next main stage show *Murder on the Nile* — **PCS will require proof of vaccination or proof of a recent negative COVID test** for all patrons over the age of 12. (For definitions of what this means, see below.) You will need to show your COVID-19 vaccination record card or a photo of your card before entering the theater, so please come prepared. This brings us into conformity with the policies of both downtown Philadelphia and neighboring theaters. We trust our patrons will understand that this inconvenience is a fair trade for added assurance that everyone around them is as fully protected against COVID-19 as possible.

This new measure is in addition to our existing requirement that all patrons be masked regardless of vaccination status. Since the beginning of the season, we have required that all actors and staff be fully vaccinated and masked at all times except when in performance on the main stage. We are also increasing the distance between actors and patrons both on the main stage and in the Raymond W. Smith black box theater upstairs.

If you already have a reservation and need to cancel it because of this new policy, email tickets@pcstheater.org for a refund. In addition, we urge you to stay home if you are experiencing any respiratory difficulty or other symptom that could be COVID-19. You will receive not only a cheerful refund or exchange, but also our thanks for helping keep your fellow patrons safe.

We will continue to monitor the spread of COVID-19 and review our guidelines and policies accordingly, and will communicate any changes to you as soon as we can. Thank you for all you do for our community. We can't wait to see you back at the theater.

Jeff Martin
President, Board of Governors

Joe Southard
Chair, Reopening Committee

Vaccination Policy Details

"Fully vaccinated" means that the performance date selected to attend must be at least 14 days after any patron's second dose of an FDA- or WHO-authorized two-dose COVID-19 vaccine (e.g., Pfizer or Moderna), or at least 14 days after any patron's single dose of an FDA- or WHO-authorized single dose COVID-19 vaccine (e.g., Johnson & Johnson). The only exception to this policy will be patrons under the age of 12.

Patrons unable to provide proof of "fully vaccinated" status must provide proof of at least one of the following: a negative COVID-19 PCR test taken within 72 hours of the performance start time; or a negative COVID-19 rapid antigen test taken within 6 hours of the performance start time. Children under the age of 12 are not expected to provide a negative test.

As noted above, all patrons, including children under the age of 12, will also be required to properly wear a mask at all times inside the building. All masks must completely cover the nose and mouth.