



COVID-19 Safety Plan for Backyard Concerts July & August 2020– ‘Safety Lives Here’ Overview

The following protocols constitute the basis of the FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre’s ‘Safety Lives Here’ COVID-19 plan which will be immediately enforced to ensure a safe return to physically distanced outdoor events within Ontario’s Stage 3 parameters.

The area proposed for events and activity will be the Mann Raceway behind the Performing Arts Centre between the PAC and Brock’s Marilyn I. Walker Campus. Our anticipated weekend activity includes both films and live musical presentations within a specified outdoor activation area. Ground markings will indicate physically distanced circular pods (maximum capacity per pod is 4) for the public to gather within existing social bubbles. Proposed activity dates are July 31/Aug 1/Aug 2, August 14/15/16 and Aug 28/29/30, weather permitting. (Rescheduling may be necessary should weather cancellations be required.) Weekend activation includes Friday evening (dusk) film screenings, two, 1-hour musical performances by a single musical act early on Saturday evenings, separated by a 1-hour intermission, and Sunday livestream concerts.

COVID-19 General Safety Protocols:

- All **entry points** will be managed by PAC Staff to ensure that capacity does not exceed Stage 3 limits of gatherings up to 100 people
 - The Public will enter and exit the activation area through separately identified spots to lessen the possibility of face to face interaction
 - A PAC staff member will be at each entrance and will ask each member of the public the [screening questions](#) confirming they are able to enter the activation area (sample of questionnaire below)
 - If a member of the public does not pass the screening questions, they will be instructed to follow up with their health care provider or telehealth
 - Sanitizer stations will be at all entrances and exits
 - Signage regarding the proper use of face masks will be at all sanitation stations (sample below)
 - Once confirmed okay to enter, public entering the Mann Raceway will be required to provide a name and phone number for the group to aid in contact tracing efforts should they be required
 - Radio communication between staff will be required to coordinate management of capacity
 - Staff will utilize hand clickers to add and subtract people as they enter the designated area of activation and ensure the group remains within approved numbers
 - Portable barriers will be erected and used to close entrance points to the public activation area once occupancy is reached



- Roaming PAC staff will **enforce pod capacity** and ensure they do not exceed maximum numbers
 - o Pathways in the activation area are designed for movement only. The public will be permitted to move through the Mann Raceway pathways to get to pods. Once the public and their social groups arrive in their pod they will be asked to sit and remain in the pods for the duration of the presented activity. The public will not be allowed to stand in pathways
 - o Members of the public who are in each other's social bubble do not have to physically distance but must be within a pod and within a pod capacity
- **Masks** will be required to enter the public activation area and also required when walking through the pathways en route to their pods. Masks can be removed once the public are situated in the pods in order to eat & drink
- The PAC will ensure that there will be a **security presence** in the activation area to ensure compliance and for maximum capacity.
- **Temporary barricades** to the activation area will be closed to the public when pods are full or when approved number is reached
- **Plexi** or some other impermeable barrier will be between any vocal performer and the public. There will also be a 12' delineated restricted zone in front of the stage to ensure members of the public do not approach the stage.

Operations and Logistics Details and Requirements

- Screening Signs located at entrance points x 3
- Physical Distancing signs x 3
- Masks mandatory signs x 3
- Entrance and Exit signs x 3
- Pods drawn on lawn in paint and chalk pods on interlock
 - o 7' pods with 7' pathways
 - o Smaller pods to ensure that larger groups are not gathering too closely
 - o Pods are for 2 adults or 2 adults and 2 small children
- No bathroom access via PAC
 - o One accessible portable washroom with sanitizer will be present on site
- Pylons to delineate entrance and exit on stairs
 - o Tape for directional arrows
- Masks provided for staff
- Sanitizing station inside raceway doors for staff
- Pocket sanitizers for all staff
- Additional outdoor garbage & recycling containers
- Entrance fencing for capacity / crowd control
- Temporary perimeter fencing
- Disinfecting of high touch surface areas will be conducted hourly or when a group or member of the public leaves an identified area:



- Portable washroom interior and exterior door handles
- Picnic tables and benches
- Exterior handrail
 - No members of the public will be permitted inside the PAC

COVID-19 Additional Technical Requirements

- Plexi barrier for vocalists to be erected on stage
- Band 12' from first pod
- No access area in front of band delineated with red tape on ground

Public and Personnel Overview

Outdoor Staffing Requirements

- Operations Manager and Executive Director to be present and on duty for all events
- FOH representatives required on site
- PAC Ambassadors – 5-7 volunteers to help with social distancing enforcement
- PAC Senior staff all present to help with control
- All Staff wearing reflective vests, will have personal sanitizers, and will be trained on the proper usage, removal and disposal of [face masks](#)

Patron Plan

- Patrons are expected to follow the rules and physically distance from people other than the people in their household
- Required to wear masks while inside the designated activation area except within pods for eating and drinking purposes (PH to Determine)
- Screening questions answered before entering
- Ontario Government posts [Parks & Rec best practices](#) protocols
- Ontario Government posts [Stage 3 Framework](#)

Public Communications

- Safety Lives Here public protocol will be communicated to the public via the FirstOntario PAC website, social media and onsite signage

Contact Tracing

- PAC Staff will have clipboards at all entrances to the Mann Raceway. Anyone entering will be required to give a name with phone number for the group to aid in contact tracing should Public Health require.

Rapid Response Protocol

- All members of the public, staff and artists will be screened

- Artists:
 - A screening checklist will be sent directly to artists before they arrive for them to fill out and bring with them (blank copies are on site should they forget)
 - Technical Supervisor on duty will confirm that Artists are feeling well and have brought their Screening checklists
 - Should an artist suddenly develop symptoms consistent with COVID-19 they will be sent home and told to contact Niagara Region Public Health and get tested
 - If the artist is in physical distress the supervisor on duty will call 911 and request an ambulance, notifying them that the patient is experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19
 - Any member of the band will also be sent home and asked to contact Public Health about appropriate next steps
 - All members of staff that have come into close contact for extended periods of time (more than 10 minutes of close contact) will be sent home to self isolate and told to contact public health
 - Any areas that the Artist has been in will be disinfected immediately
 - Supervisor in charge will call the Niagara Region Public Health and Emergency Services COVID-19 Hotline with the name of the Artist that was sent home with symptoms: [905-688-8248](tel:905-688-8248) *Press 7* and then *Press 2*

- Staff
 - All staff are required to fill out a Screening checklist on their first shift and required to self screen during the sign in protocols every day
 - Supervisors are to confirm with Staff that they are feeling well and have no symptoms consistent with COVID-19, have not come in contact with any confirmed cases of COVID-19, no family member with whom they live or are in close contact has symptoms or tested positive for COVID-19 and they have not left the country within the last 14 days
 - If a staff member suddenly develops symptoms while at work, they will be sent home immediately and instructed to contact Niagara Region Public Health about appropriate next steps
 - If the staff member is in physical distress the supervisor on duty will call 911 and request an ambulance, notifying them that the patient is experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19
 - Any other member of staff or artists who have come in close prolonged contact (10 minutes) will be sent home and instructed to contact Niagara Region Public Health about appropriate next steps
 - Any areas where the staff member has been will be disinfected immediately
 - Supervisor in charge will call the Niagara Region Public Health and Emergency Services COVID-19 Hotline with the name of the staff member that was sent home with symptoms: [905-688-8248](tel:905-688-8248) *Press 7* and then *Press 2*

- Public
 - All members of the public will be asked if they have read the screening questions at the entrances to the activation area and will confirm to a PAC staff member that they are free of any symptoms and have not travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days
 - The name and phone number of at least one member of any group will be included on the contact tracing log
 - Should a member of the public notify us that they are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, we will confirm their name and phone number and instruct them to go home and contact Public Health about next steps
 - If the member of the public is in physical distress the supervisor on duty will call 911 and request an ambulance, notifying them that the patient is experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19
 - All members of the group will be sent home and instructed to contact Niagara Region Public Health
 - Supervisor in charge will call the Niagara Region Public Health and Emergency Services COVID-19 Hotline with the name of the individual that was sent home with symptoms: [905-688-8248](tel:905-688-8248) *Press 7* and then *Press 2*
- Note: A thermal temperature gun is included in our safety kit and will be available should a member of the public, a staff member, or artist request that their temperature be taken
 - Should it be required, the thermal temperature gun will be disinfected between use