



Triangle Weavers Guild COVID-19 Guidelines for In-Person Activities

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Summary

- Due to the potential for changing conditions and government mandates, the Triangle Weavers Guild (TWG) may revise these guidelines in the future.
- If you are sick, have symptoms of COVID-19, or have been exposed to someone you know has COVID-19 in the past two weeks, please do not come.
- If you can get vaccinated follow the complete protocol for the type of vaccine you receive.
- The TWG will require proof of full vaccination for ALL participants in all in-person classes, workshops, Illuminations, and monthly membership meetings through online registration.
- For other TWG events, if you are not vaccinated, you are required to wear a mask and keep a physical distance from others of at least 6 feet.
- All visitors to Triangle Fiber Arts Center must sign in providing contact information.
- Study group participants, Drop-In hosts, and volunteers assisting with library circulation and rentals are required to follow these guidelines and to have the agreement of all who are present for any adjustment that would relax these requirements.
- Thank you for your cooperation with these guidelines, which the TWG has designed for the benefit of all.

Introduction

The TWG is committed to providing everyone with a respectful experience of learning and sharing in a safe environment. As we begin reopening in 2021, we will fulfill our mission in a manner that makes the safety and well-being of members, guests, and visitors our highest priority. We have consulted the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) guidelines. We have also participated in national webinars about reopening arts organizations and consulted resources offered by other organizations with similar or related missions and needs, such as the John C. Campbell Folk School.

COVID-19 is a “novel” or new coronavirus. Knowledge and information about its risks and how we may mitigate them have been changing relatively rapidly. We expect our understanding of what is safe to continue to change as researchers learn more and the virus changes as it passes through the human population. Therefore, we may revise these guidelines at any time at the discretion of the TWG Board of Directors. We will post updates on the TWG website and make reasonable efforts to notify members of any changes prior to events and activities, including in-person meetings, classes and workshops, drop-ins, and study group meetings at the Triangle Fiber Arts Center (TFAC).

The TWG cannot guarantee that anyone will not contract COVID-19 while on the TFAC premises or at off-site, in-person events and activities sponsored by TWG. By registering for an in-person class or workshop, attending a program, visiting the TFAC, or volunteering at outreach activities, members and guests voluntarily assume all risks related to COVID-19. Specific guidelines address recommendations and requirements for different types of TWG activities.

Summary Table of TWG Guidelines for In-Person Gatherings										
Protection Status for In-Person Gatherings*	Sign-In	Vaccine		Mask		Physical Distance		Hand Washing/ Sanitizer Use		
Type of In-Person Activity	Required	Required	Recommended	Required	Recommended	Required	Recommended	Required	Recommended	
Workshops	√	√			√		√		√	
Classes	√	√			√		√		√	
Illuminations	√	√			√		√		√	
Monthly Meetings**	√	√			√		√		√	
Study Groups	√		√	√		√			√	
Show and Sale	√		√	√		√			√	
Drop-Ins	√		√	√		√			√	
Pick-Up/Drop-Off	√		√	√		√			√	
<p>* When the protection status for wearing masks and keeping social distance in small groups (for example, 3 to 10 people) is “Required” or “Recommended” for non-public (that is, members-only) TWG gatherings, the members present may choose to relax the status by continuing full, mutual agreement to do so.</p> <p>**We will follow the Seymour Center COVID-19 policies regarding group activities for meetings there.</p>										

Guidelines for Participation In-Person

All In-Person Activities

- If you are sick, have COVID-19 symptoms, or have recently been exposed to COVID-19, please do not come to the TWG activity or event.
- If you can get vaccinated, please do so, following the complete protocols for the type of vaccine that you receive. Proof of full vaccination is required for all participants in all in-person classes, workshops, Illuminations, and monthly membership meetings.
- If you are not vaccinated, you are required to wear a mask and keep a social distance of at least 6 feet from others at TWG activities and events.
- You must sign in, providing contact information when visiting TFAC and at TWG events, should contact tracing ever be needed.

Masks

If you are not vaccinated, wearing a mask is required. Even if you have been fully vaccinated, we ask that you act respectfully in consideration of vulnerable members and visitors to TWG in-person activities such as drop-ins and the Show and Sale. Wearing a properly fitted mask covering the mouth and nose is recommended when in buildings and in any outdoor location where physical distancing may be less than 6 feet. Some vaccinated members or visitors may be unable to wear a mask due to a disability. If you cannot wear a mask, make sure to keep a minimum 6-foot distance from others. Group activities such as workshops, classes, Illuminations, and study groups may, with the agreement of all present, choose to relax this mask recommendation, particularly when all have been vaccinated.

Physical Distancing

Physical or Social distancing means maintaining a distance of at least 6 feet from others who are not in your household. Practice physical distancing in combination with wearing a mask and frequently washing your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Maintaining at least 6 feet of physical distance from others not in your household is required when persons present may not have been vaccinated.

Avoid physical contact with others, such as shaking hands, hugging, and other greetings involving physical contact unless full vaccination status has been affirmed and consent of both parties has been obtained. We *recommend* that no gathering of more than three individuals in a room in TFAC and no more than ten people in an outdoor gathering space take place **unless** all who are present agree to allow the larger group, for example, because all who are present have been vaccinated. Members hosting events should guide visitors to separate or larger rooms and arrange outdoor tables and seating to support greater physical distance.

Workshops, Classes, Illuminations, and Monthly Meetings

Due to the sustained indoor presence of potentially larger groups of participants in relatively closer contact at in-person TWG workshops, classes, Illuminations, and monthly meetings, we require full vaccination against COVID-19 at these activities. Proof of vaccination status will be obtained in advance through online registration. We understand that closer proximity to another person may occur during educational activities to inspect or demonstrate techniques. In this case, it is best to work as quickly as possible and talk as little as possible when in closer proximity. We expect to continue offering some of these activities online to members and nonmembers who are not vaccinated.

Study Groups, Show and Sale, Drop-Ins, and Pick-up/Drop-Off

These TWG activities potentially involve larger groups gathering indoors, and we must manage them with more care when visitors to TFAC include nonmembers. It is difficult to require proof of vaccination for such activities; therefore, the requirement is for all to wear masks. It may be necessary to direct the flow of movement through the building if large numbers of people are present. Visitors are required to sign in providing contact information at these activities.

For study groups, drop-ins, and pick-up/drop-off (such as for library materials, donations, and rentals), if the number of people present is small, and all mutually agree to do so, masks may be removed and social distance reduced. Any physical closeness or touching (such as handshakes or hugs) must be done with mutual consent. It is important to check again about the mutual agreement to relax recommendations when a new person arrives for these activities and events.

Common Sense

We ask you to try and remain mindful and aware as we reopen in-person activities. A set of guidelines such as these will not anticipate every instance requiring a greater or more relaxed level of protection is adequate. We ask that you also use your common sense and place the health and safety of all persons present at any TWG-sponsored activity first. Check with others about their comfort and need for protection and respect their needs. They may be well but have family members at home who are vulnerable whom they also wish to protect.