

Taft-Nicholson Center 2021 Season COVID Precautions

We are accepting applications for all programs for the 2021 season. The Taft-Nicholson Center will be taking steps to ensure the health and safety of all guests and staff members. Even under close-to-normal operations, new protocols will be in effect as necessary. These may include, but are not limited to:

- **Face coverings** required in all common indoor spaces, as well as outdoors when physical distancing is not possible. More information on the University's policy on face coverings can be found here: <https://coronavirus.utah.edu/covid-19-a-z/#F>
- **Physical distancing** of at least 6 feet between individuals to be maintained whenever possible. Group size during outdoor activities may be limited to allow for appropriate distancing (Note: Wearing a mask does not reduce the need for physical distancing.)
- **Symptom screening** for all guests and staff on site. Individuals who have exhibited a fever in the past 24 hours, any flu-like symptoms in the past 10 days, or have had contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID will be required to self-isolate. Testing may be required prior to visiting the Taft-Nicholson Center. Any pending, negative, and positive COVID-19 test results must be reported per University policy. <https://coronavirus.utah.edu/>
- **Travel restrictions** as determined by University, Utah state, and Montana state policies. The current University travel policy can be found here: <https://fbs.admin.utah.edu/travel/covid-19-updates/>

We will be following the COVID-19 Transmission Index implemented by the state of Utah. In a low transmission level, the Taft-Nicholson Center will operate as close to normal as possible, with additional health precautions such as those noted above. Artist-in-Residence and Summer Faculty Fellow programs will continue to operate in medium and high transmission levels, as these programs have the capacity to allow for appropriate social distancing required under the University of Utah's criteria. However, use of the Taft-Nicholson Center facilities by classes and faculty groups in medium and high levels will be dependent on guidelines as determined by the University, the state of Utah, and the state of Montana. Please be aware that group size, lodging, meal options, and use of common areas are subject to change accordingly.

- **Lodging** - Group size will be limited by what we can accommodate while following state and University guidelines. Options may include reduced dorm capacity or individual lodging in the University Village.
- **Meals** – Catering availability will be dependent on current guidelines. Food may be prepackaged or plated as opposed to the usual buffet-style meals. The dining hall may be set up to allow for proper social distancing at tables for smaller groups.
- **Common areas** – The use of spaces such as the classroom, dry lab, and Rosie's is also subject to guidelines. Tables and chairs may be set up to accommodate appropriate social distancing measures. Capacity limits may be placed on each of these locations. Current guidelines may also limit our ability to host guest speakers.

We are looking forward to having the Taft-Nicholson Center's doors open once again. Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we work to ensure the health and safety of all students, guests, staff, and the community members of Centennial Valley.