



NORTHWEST FOLKLIFE – FILMING FAQs

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Last year’s virtual event, From Home to Home: Northwest Folklife Festival, was viewed by thousands across the region and around the globe during Memorial Day weekend. We hope our community can continue to serve as a positive example for ways to safely celebrate during a global pandemic. Northwest Folklife is using guidelines from industry, state (WA) and national sources which reflect high safety standards for the benefit of our region’s most vulnerable populations. Cooperation from our performers and participants can help with community health efforts to continue to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Please review [Northwest Folklife’s Safe Work Plan](#) which outlines the general COVID-19 guidelines for working with and/or filming submissions related to Northwest Folklife events. For more specific information related to performances, see if your question is answered in the following FAQs. For additional questions, please contact programming@nwfolklife.org.

Productions led by Northwest Folklife and their affiliates may adhere to more restrictive practices based on the practices of the filming site or the technical team. Program staff will communicate with groups to prepare for those sessions.

Please note the responses in the FAQs are derived from the state’s “Healthy Washington Requirements.” We strongly recommend you follow the most stringent set of guidelines available when filming, as we may not be able to accept videos whose producers or participants did not adhere to safety guidelines and protocols for their creation.

FAQs

According to the CDC, vaccinated individuals can still be infected by and transmit SARS-CoV-2, the virus which has caused the COVID-19 pandemic. Also, currently, there are multiple highly-contagious variants which are still a concern. Please keep this in mind as you consider how to proceed with filming.

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We're all vaccinated, can we film groups singing/dancing/performing together inside?

For the safety of all involved, Northwest Folklife continues to refer to the gathering, distancing and masking guidelines set by Governor Inslee in the Theater and Performing Arts Industry Healthy Washington Requirements.

<https://tinyurl.com/WAreopen>

<https://tinyurl.com/SafePerforming>

We're outside, can we dance unmasked?

When outdoors, dancers must stay 10 feet apart and must stay masked. If facial expression is critical to the dance, then only one dancer at a time may rehearse/perform without a mask. We are currently seeking more specific instruction based on guidelines released from other industries. Please contact programming@nwfolklife.org for additional/updated information.

We're outside, can we sing and perform music unmasked?

Mask and distancing requirements for performers in [Washington](#) State are the same for indoor and outdoor spaces: one singer may be unmasked if they maintain 15 feet of distance between themselves and any accompaniment.

Group performers must maintain at least a 6-foot distance and wear a mask at all times.

Musicians with a mouth-to-instrument connection are not required to wear a mask while playing but must maintain 9 feet of distance between themselves and others, use bell covers, and wear a mask at all other times.

We're inside, can 10+ of us dance together masked?

Yes. There is no limit on the number of performers as long as venue/space capacity, distance, and mask regulations are upheld.

We live in the same household, can we perform inside and unmasked?

There are no masking or distancing requirements for performers within the same household.