

## **ACRE 2024 - On-Site Agreements**

***The purpose of this outline is to set community expectations and provide factual information about ACRE's 2024 protocols for staying at the farm, in light of COVID, Influenza and similar viral illnesses.***

***This is a living document that may change as conditions change. We remain vigilant in monitoring COVID statistics and designated staff are prepared to promptly update risk-reduction measures in accord with CDC guidance. If COVID were to show signs of resurgence, new protocols would be e-mailed to artists prior to residency.***

***All artists are strongly encouraged to stay current with recommended vaccines and boosters to minimize risks associated with COVID, Influenza and similar viral illnesses.***

***We will move slowly and intentionally. Please remember the residency is 14 days long, which is frequently the number of days needed to isolate and recuperate from a COVID infection. Preparing to come to the residency by limiting your risk of exposure is everyone's responsibility. Our priority is those who rarely receive priority, specifically those of us who are immunocompromised, disabled, and otherwise vulnerable to viral infection and its short and long term effects (which is all of us). <3***

### **Disclaimer:**

COVID has presented challenges for everyone and it is not "over". There is an inherent risk to traveling and gathering. To mitigate these risks, emergency plans, food safety precautions, and detailed health protocols will be available on site. We will hold cohort meetings before each session with all attendees to share updates, answer questions, and address concerns.

Our greatest resource is this beautiful community. We will need to rely on each other and work together to stay healthy this summer. Everyone must do their part to ensure the safety of others. Below is an outline of some of the major concerns and what ACRE is doing to ensure the safest environment possible.

## Terms/Expectations:

- We request up-to-date vaccination is for all visitors when possible
- We require that all participants test and monitor exposure before traveling to ACRE
  - [Review this resource for details on traveling, properly masking, up-to-date protocols for testing, and community agreements for gathering](#)
- We require that all participants mask while traveling to the farm and prepare to mask at the farm as needed when requested/necessary
- We require all participants to provide two negative rapid COVID tests before attending the residency
  - One negative test 48 hours prior to travel
  - One negative test on the day of travel
- We ask that all participants plan to bring their own home test
  - If you have any symptoms (cough, shortness of breath, fever, or chills), please **do not** come to ACRE
    - [CDC: COVID Prevention Actions and Information](#)
- All parties who attend ACRE this summer must sign a release form and agree to the terms
- 45 or fewer people on campus at a time *maximum* during the residency

## Rooms and Shared Spaces

- Two people per room
  - One person per floor & shared bathroom
  - Roommates are matched based on stated preferences and sleeping patterns
  - Couples and collaborations will be handled case by case
  - We will only host the number of people that we have rooms and bathrooms for in our current configuration
    - Camping does not change our numbers
  - A limited number of single-occupancy rooms are available as needed
- Each room has a private entrance. We will use the private entrances to each of our rooms and avoid using the main entrance
- Each person will be provided with cleaning supplies and a mess kit
  - The mess kit includes: plate, bowl, silverware, mug, and cup
  - Each room has a sink, dish soap, and a sponge

- Guests will be asked to clean their rooms and bathrooms before departing. Additional cleaning will take place before the next guest arrives
- We encourage you to bring your own sanitizer and cleaning supplies to supplement as you feel comfortable
- Contactless thermometers and disposable masks will be available on campus

## **Next Steps and Safety Measures In the Case of a Positive Test**

### **Isolation and Testing Timeline for Positive Test:**

1. **First positive test.**
2. **Second test (48 hours post-first test):** If negative and symptom-free, a third test will be conducted after 48 hours to confirm the end of isolation. If positive, isolation continues until symptom-free and testing negative.
3. **Within the first hour:**
  - Contact tracing to identify exposure.
  - Isolate and begin exposure testing for any persons exposed.
  - Air purification in shared spaces.
  - Open windows for ventilation.
  - Utilize private entrances to rooms to minimize indoor contact.

### **Isolation and Testing Timeline for Exposed Individuals (5 days from initial exposure):**

1. **First test (5 days post-exposure):** All exposed individuals will continue to mask through Sunday.
2. **Second test (48 hours post-first test):** Continued masking for exposed individuals, with a final test if necessary.
3. **Third test (48 hours post-second test):** Continued masking until a third negative test is confirmed.

*Note: This testing timeline relies on the exposed person remaining symptom-free and testing negative. If an exposed individual tests positive, they will follow the isolation timeline outlined above.*

**Precautionary Measures:**

- Please help us take precaution and care by wearing masks (N95 or equivalent) during travel, upon arrival, and during any safety measures timeline.
- Air purifiers are in use in shared spaces, and windows are open for ventilation. All rooms have windows for ventilation and private entrances.
- Meals for isolated individuals will be delivered to their rooms or served at a distance outdoors.

**Care for COVID-Positive and Sick Community Members:**

- Whenever possible, we will work with the individual(s) to engage doctors and medical treatment. The affected person will direct all engagement with medical treatment and doctors. As community members, we will seek to support and care for sick members on campus to the best of our ability, prioritizing their consent, needs, and desires.

*Support Measures:*

- Collaborate to create a medical plan, including engaging any necessary doctors or treatments.
- Access to telehealth services.
- Facilitate access to Paxlovid or other medications.
- Provide a private room with a private entrance.
- Deliver all meals by a masked staff member.
- Designate an outdoor area for rest and recovery.
- Conduct daily check-ins and adjust the medical plan as needed.