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Dear Hanns Eisler Community,

After a week of intensive discussions within Berlin's higher education community, we have now tentatively established the following approach for the first weeks of the semester. We plan to secure (but not extend!) our essential artistic work with the following test strategy. This means that even when participants have been tested, everybody must continue to comply with the existing compulsory distance and hygiene regulations as well as the maximum occupancy of the rooms.

The regulations for teaching in the summer term 2021 continue to apply (from 18.03.2021 - See below!)

As of 12.04.21 and until further notice, the following test requirements for attendance at the school apply:

1. practice/rehearsals

a. Individual practice: → no test obligation! We recommend you visit an external test centre.

b. Group rehearsals with up to 5 persons (without teaching staff): → no test obligation! We recommend you visit an external test centre before the first rehearsal. Student rehearsals with more than 5 persons in the room at the same time are not permitted until further notice.

2. face-to-face teaching

a. Individual artistic lessons incl. accompanists (up to 3 persons in the room at the same time): no test obligation!
→ We recommend you visit an external test centre before lessons begin. The participants can agree amongst themselves to each present a negative test at the start of the lesson.

b. Group lessons (max. 5 students plus 2 teachers in the room at the same time): → no test obligation!
We recommend you visit an external test centre before the start of the lesson. The participants can agree amongst themselves to each present a negative test at the start of the lesson.

c. Group lessons with up to 3 singers at the same time: → no test obligation!
We recommend you visit an external test centre before the start of class. The

participants can agree amongst themselves to each present a negative test at the start of the lesson.

3. larger projects/events already planned and registered for the summer term:

a. Ensemble projects with more than 7 musicians (instrumental) at the same time:
→ professional same-day rapid test is obligatory. This is organised and carried out by the school for all project participants.

b. Ensemble rehearsals with more than 3 singers at the same time:
→ professional same-day rapid test is obligatory. This is organised and carried out by the school for all project participants.

c. Scenic projects in which the minimum distance of 3 metres between the participating singers cannot be maintained:
→ professional same-day rapid test is obligatory. This is organised and carried out by the school for all project participants.

d. Other larger projects/special events with more than 7 people in the room at the same time (e.g. exams, entrance exams, teaching rehearsals etc.):
→ Obligatory registration via the head of department to the school's management as well as to Mr Hellmann (SE VG-L). An individual test strategy will be decided on.

4. General rules for attendance

According to the regulation of the state of Berlin, all employees (teachers as well as administration staff) who are required to work in person at the school must be offered two tests per week as soon as this can be carried out on site.

For the time being, we can only fulfill this by requesting you to use the external test centres with self-registration. Any costs incurred for a second quick test per week (Mon-Fri) can be reimbursed by the school on application.

However, depending on availability, the school is planning to extend the test strategy and provide employees with self-tests to carry out under supervision. We are currently looking intensively at recruiting trained staff for this in order to expand the test strategy. For administrative staff, the supervision of these tests will be delegated to department managers after briefing has taken place.

We continue to be challenged by this situation and thank you all for your cooperation!

Kind regards to you all,

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