

Touchet Valley Arts Council/ Liberty Theater
Pandemic Safety Policy

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The health and safety of our customers and staff are very important to us. We are continuing to follow and monitor official guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Washington State Department of Labor and Industries, Washington State Department of Health, and Columbia County Public Health.

As the situation surrounding the coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to evolve, we are prepared to respond and ensure that The Liberty provides a safe venue for our staff, volunteers, and guests.

Procedures

In addition to our increased stringent cleaning and sanitation practices, here are some of the steps we're taking at our theater:

- **Prevention**

- Patrons are required to wear masks that cover their nose and mouths, except while eating or drinking in their seats, plus they must maintain social distancing of 6 ft between groups.
- All staff and volunteers will be trained in new safety and sanitation procedures, wear masks and gloves, and submit self-health screening each shift.
- Frequent and proper hand washing will be followed by staff and volunteers.
- High contact points (such as seat arms, door handles, etc.) and bathrooms will be cleaned and sanitized more frequently.
- Masks (if needed), and hand sanitizer will be provided to patrons.
- Theater air quality will be maintained or improved by bringing more fresh air into the theater (when outdoor air temperatures allow), and with the use of high efficiency portable air filtration units.

- **Working with local health authorities**

Touchet Valley Arts Council will regularly communicate with staff and volunteers. If it is determined that they have been exposed to the Coronavirus, the public health recommendation of quarantining will be followed.

- **Limiting Seating Capacity**

We will limit patrons to less than 50% auditorium capacity in State Authorized Phase 3 (but with social distancing requirements we will be limited to approximately 30%), and we will comply with state mandates on social gathering limits and other guidance as it evolves.

- **Establishing Distance Between Groups**

Household or small groups may be seated together, and we will ensure safe distancing from other guests or groups. This effort requires patrons to arrive early so there is enough time to select seats for everyone before the program starts. Additionally, some patrons may not be able to attend a particular showing if we reach the limited seating capacity. If at any time you have concerns or questions about seating arrangements, please speak with theater managers.

- **Refills**

No refills or large popcorn will be offered until further notice.

We continue to welcome our patrons/guests in a safe and healthy manner. We appreciate your ongoing support that helps make the Liberty Theater a great place to watch a movie or live performance!