

## Health and Safety Policies and Planning Report September 2021

The League of American Orchestras Health and Safety Policies and Planning Survey was open August 25 through September 10, 2021. The following findings offer a snapshot of survey results from 202 participating U.S. adult and youth orchestras, across a range of orchestra budget sizes. There are approximately 1,600 orchestras throughout the entire United States, all seeking opportunities to partner with their communities and engage their substantial workforce safely as more and more return to live performances amidst the ongoing duration of the pandemic. Please note that COVID-19 safety protocols are heavily influenced by local and state mandates, as well as performance venue policies, all of which are highly variable and subject to change.

### Key Findings

**82% of all responding orchestras (excluding youth orchestras) reported either a mandatory vaccination policy or testing requirement for their musicians.**

- 65% reported a mandatory vaccination policy for their musicians
- 58% indicated they had a policy in place to test some or all of their musicians
- 66% reported that masks would be mandatory
- 39% will continue with some forms of distancing on stage for musicians

**73% of all responding orchestras have either a mandatory vaccination policy or testing requirement in place for their office staff.** In some cases where orchestras reported an "other" policy, it was because all current staff had already been vaccinated and no formal policy was in place, or all office staff continued to work remotely.

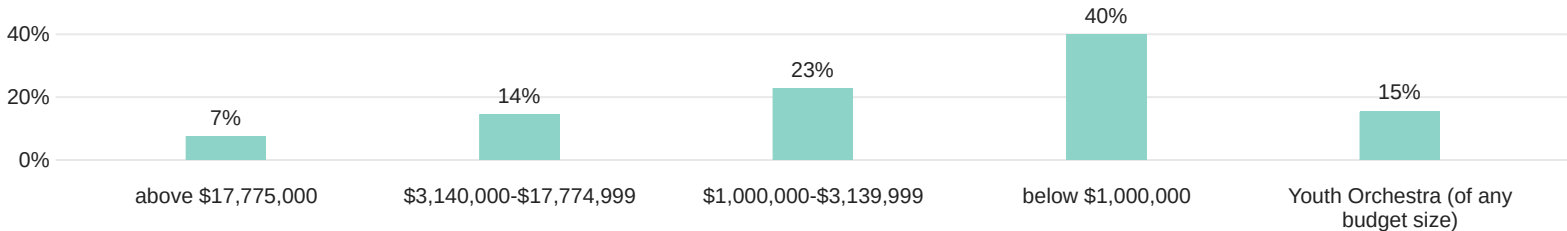
- 68% reported a mandatory vaccination policy for some or all of their staff
- 87% indicated their office staff will continue with some level of remote work

**41% of all responding orchestras, including youth orchestras, reported either a mandatory vaccination policy or testing requirement for their audiences.** For those orchestras indicating an "other" or "undetermined" policy for their audiences, the majority noted their policies were dependent on venue or other state and local determinations.

- 26% reported a mandatory vaccination policy for their audiences
- 33% indicated they would require proof of negative COVID-19 tests
- 71% reported a mask mandate is in place for their audiences
- 46% intend to offer at least some performances with socially-distanced options for their audiences

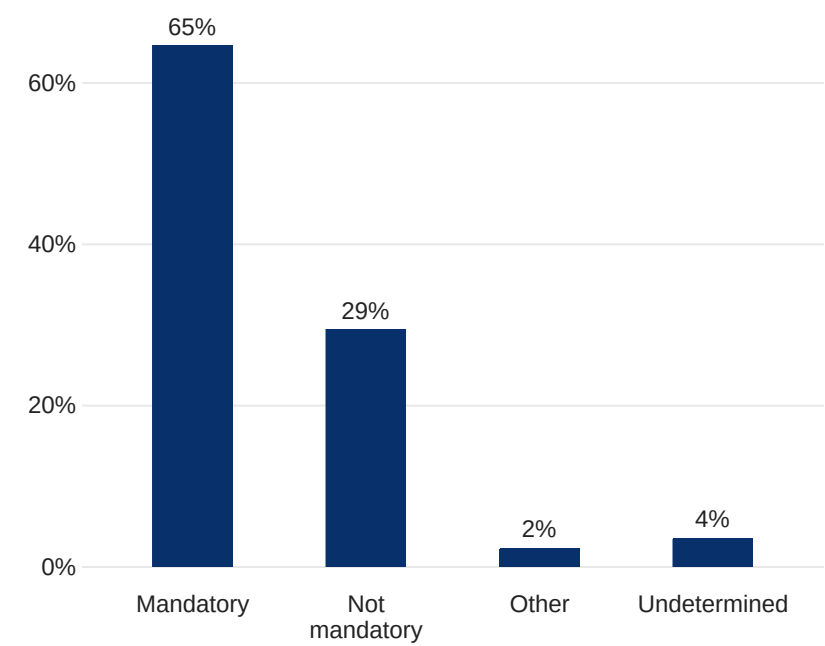
### Responses by budget range:

202 Responses

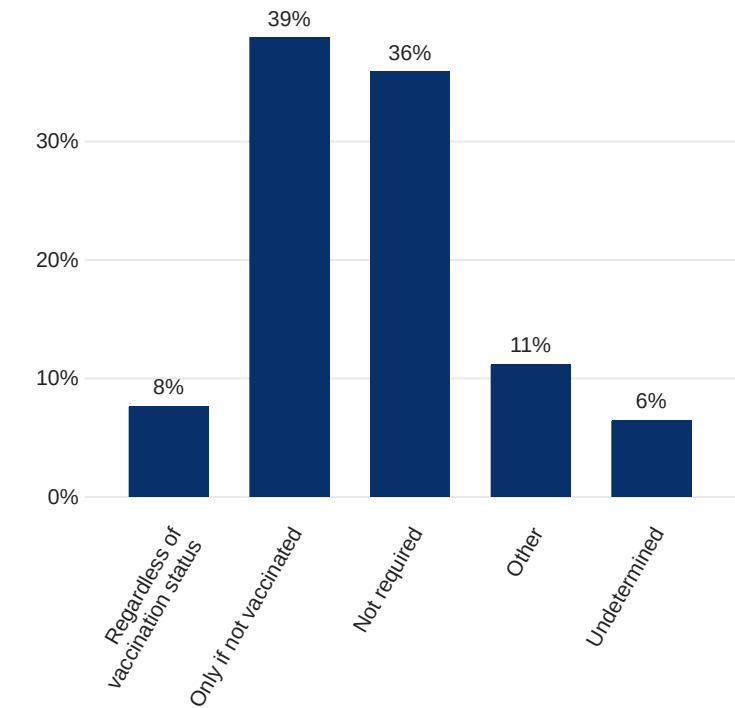


# Policies for Orchestra Musicians (excluding Youth Orchestras)

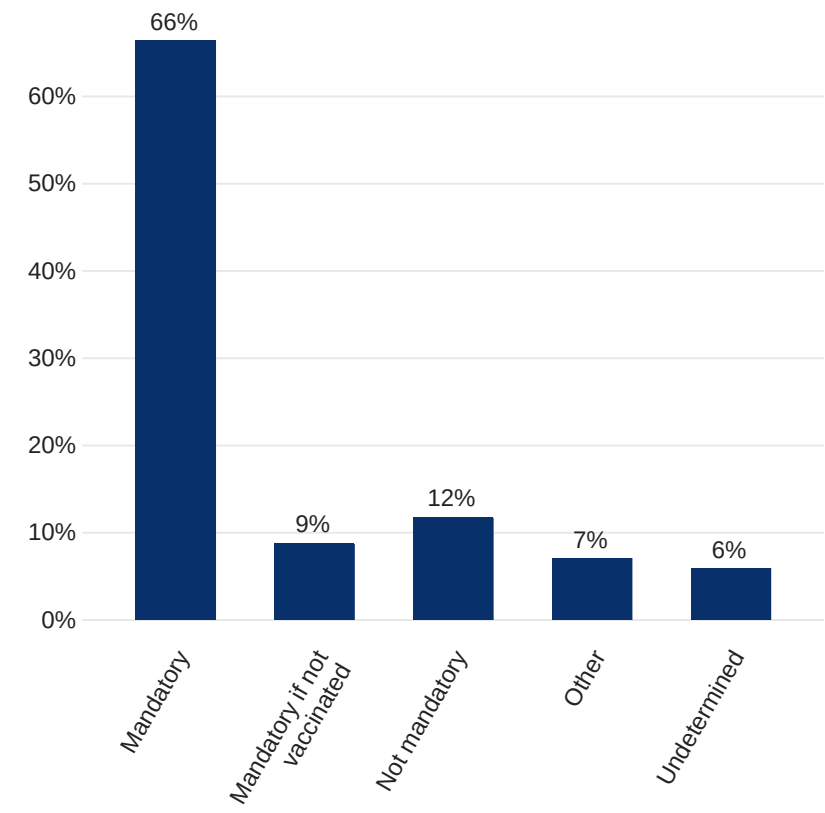
For your orchestra's musicians, will COVID-19 vaccinations be:  
170 Responses



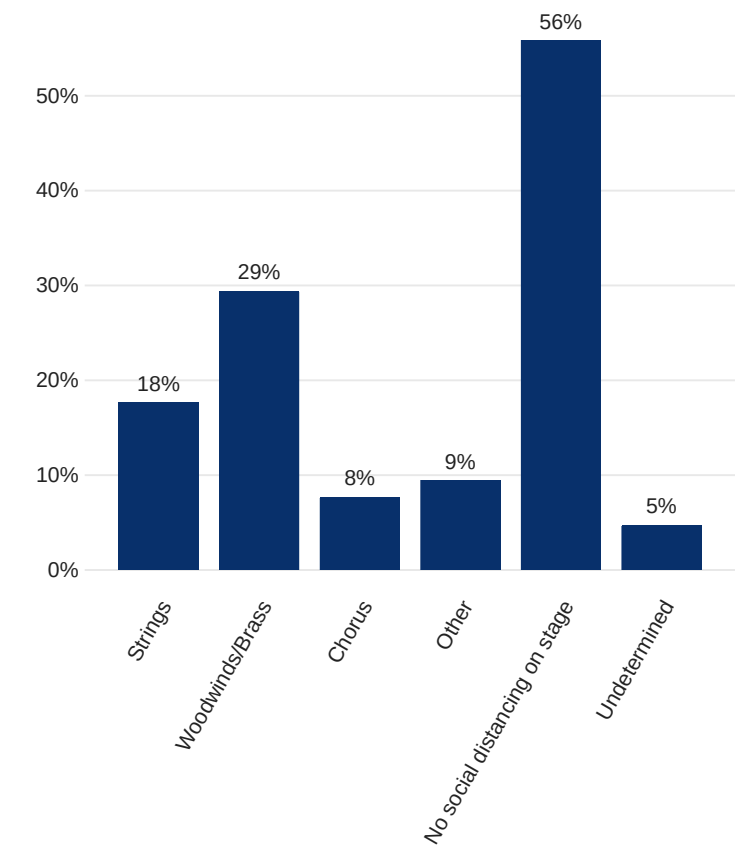
Will proof of negative tests be required:  
170 Responses



Will masks be:  
170 Responses



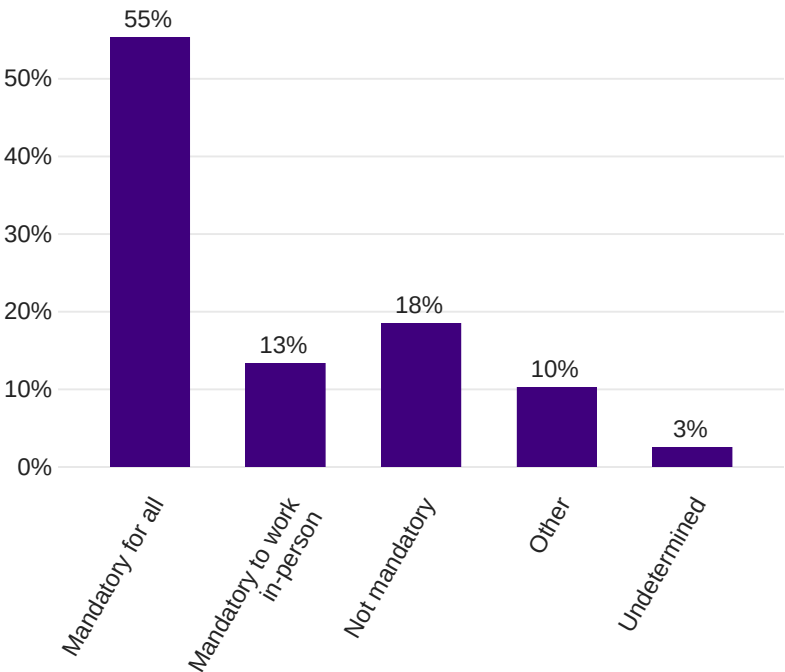
Are you planning to distance: (select all that apply)  
170 Responses



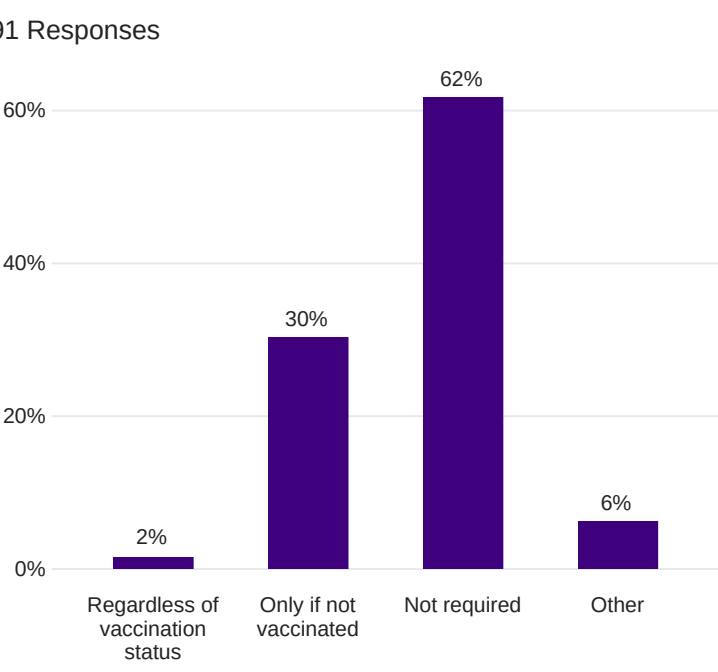
● % of orchestras selecting each option

# Policies for Office Staff

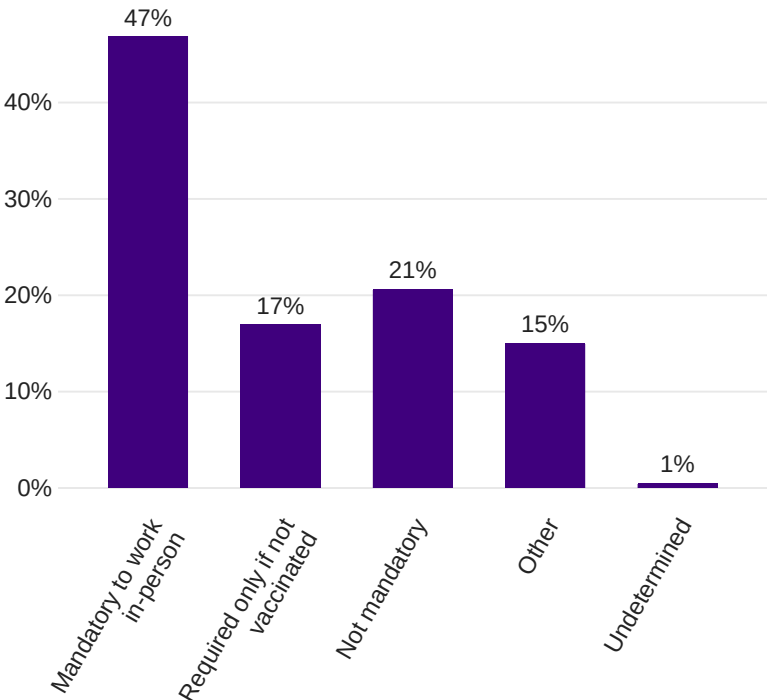
For your office staff, will COVID-19 vaccinations be:  
195 Responses



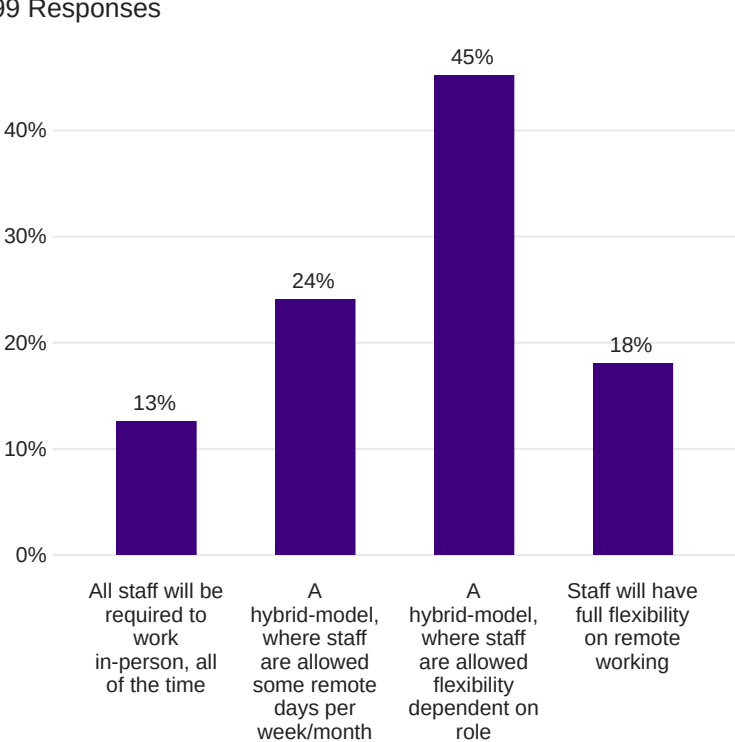
Will proof of negative tests be required to work in-person:  
191 Responses



Will masks be:  
194 Responses

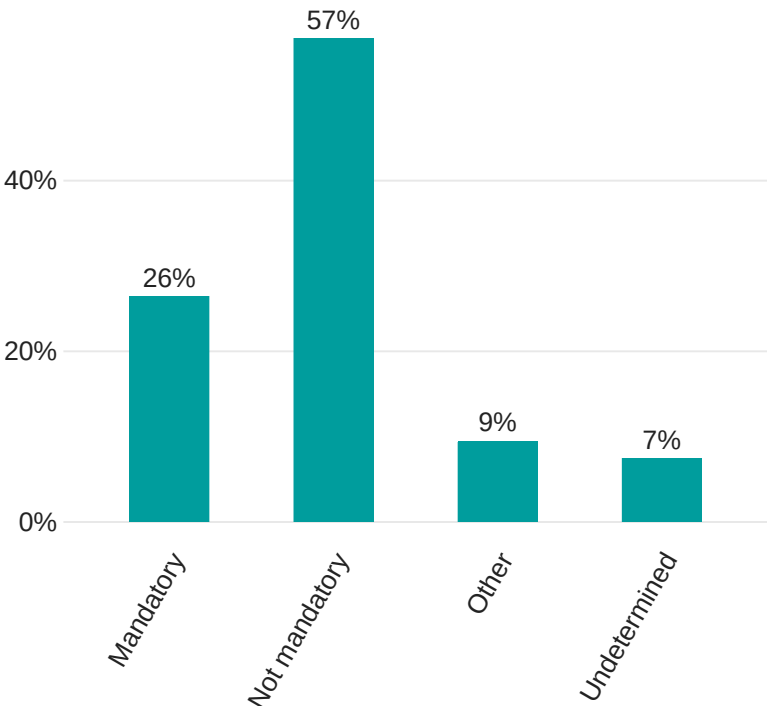


What in-person/remote plans do you intend to have for your staff this season?  
199 Responses

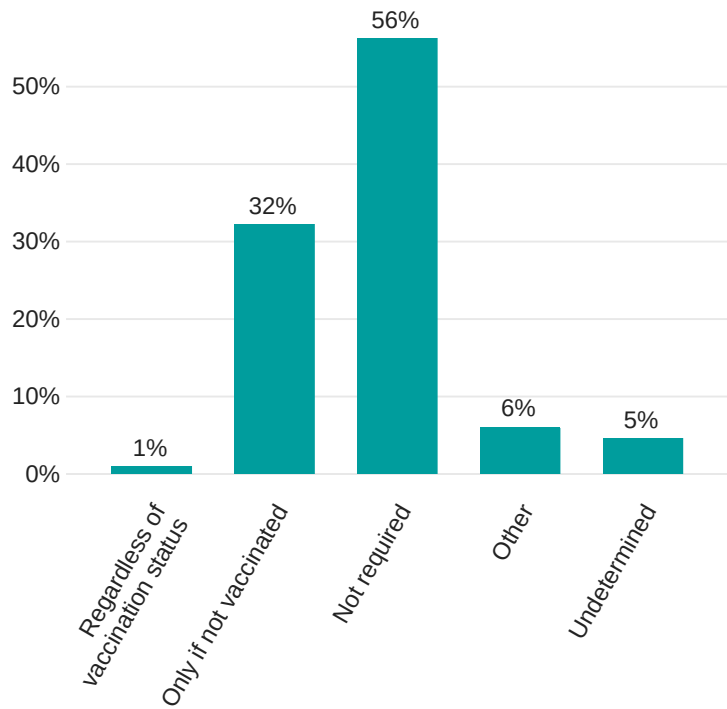


# Policies for Orchestra Audiences

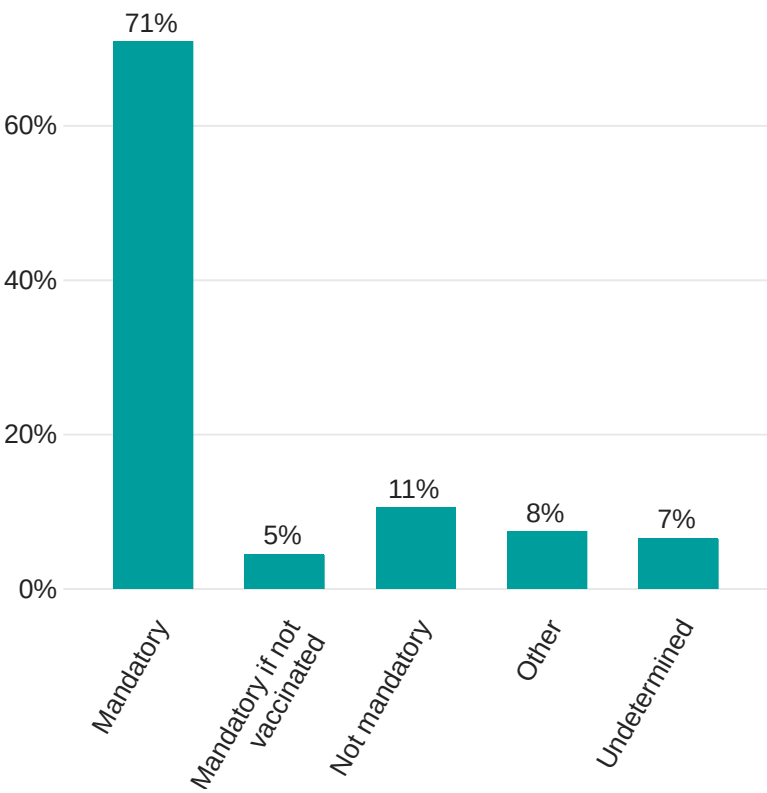
For your audiences, will COVID-19 vaccinations be:  
201 Responses



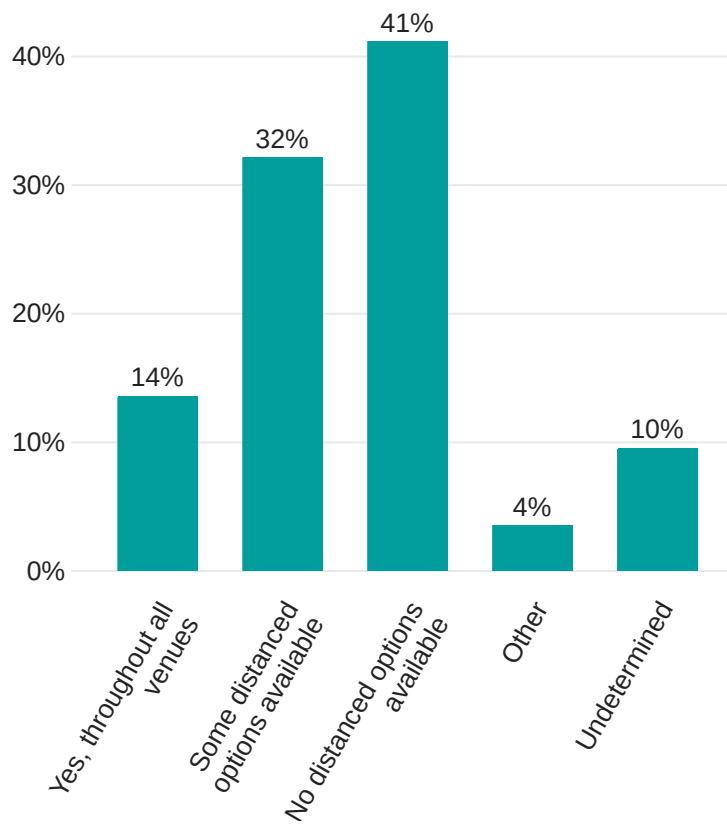
Will proof of negative tests be required:  
199 Responses



Will masks be:  
200 Responses



Will your audiences be socially-distanced?  
199 Responses



For those with socially-distanced seating options, what capacity of your primary venue will you make available?

77 Responses

Field	Average
% primary venue capacity	56

Will you be performing primarily indoors or outdoors this fall?

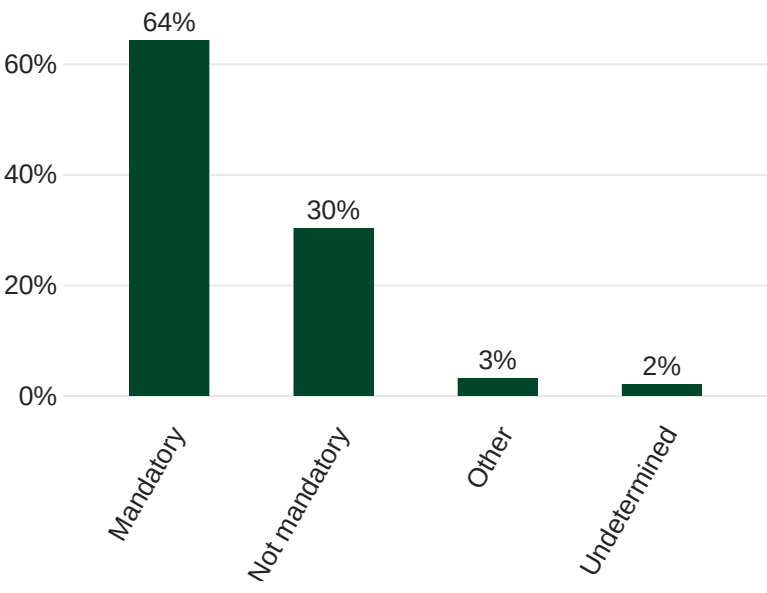
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### Policies for Guest Artists

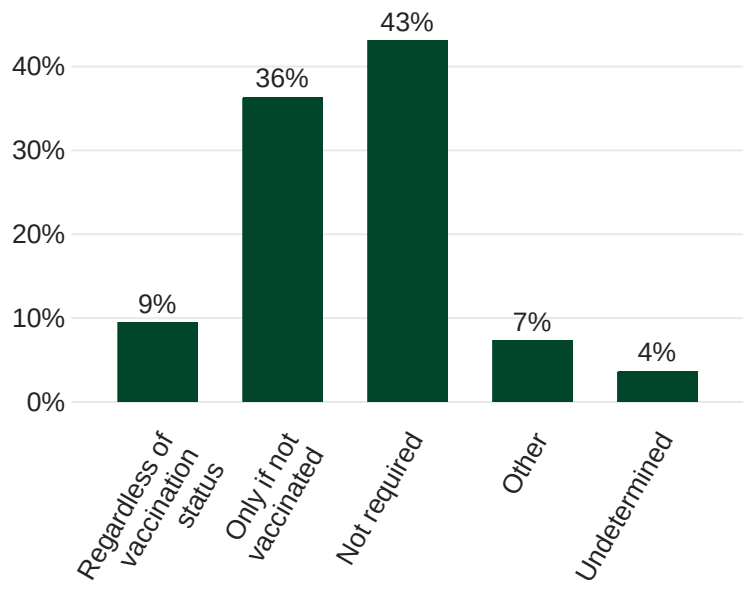
For your guest artists, will COVID-19 vaccinations be:

191 Responses



Will proof of negative tests be required:

190 Responses



Will masks be:

190 Responses

