



**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

Muriel Bowser

Mayor

Dr. Christopher Rodriguez

Director

March 17, 2021

Et Viola  
Sylvain Frances  
5120 MacArthur Blvd., NW  
Washington, DC 20016

Dear Sylvain,

In Fall 2020, your venue participated in the District's live entertainment pilot program, which was designed to offer live entertainment in a controlled environment to be scaled up or down based on District's metrics associated with the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Per Mayor Muriel Bowser's announcement on March 15, beginning on March 22, 2021 through May 20, 2021, waivers for live entertainment are now being considered. You can operate your live entertainment venue that was part of the pilot program under the same conditions in which you operated in Fall 2020. Those conditions included the following requirements:

- If you plan an event with a live audience, you can sell or distribute, in advance of the event, fifty (50) tickets for each performance.
- You strictly follow the guidelines outlined in the detailed plan you submitted and updated, including, but not limited to: signage posted for all guests, pre-sale of tickets, requiring masks for all individuals, cleaning and social distancing protocols.
- If the event is indoors, ensure good ventilation;
- Reserve seating with individuals or groups (of no more than six (6) persons) seated at least six (6) feet apart;
- Place seats at least 30 ft. from the stage if there is live singing; otherwise, the seats must be placed at least 20 ft. from the stage;
- Require guests remain seated during the performance, only leaving as necessary;
- Clean the venue and restrooms in accordance with your plan;
- Maintain a one-way flow of attendees and staff;
- If indoors, the performance must be less than three (3) hours in duration;
- Require the performers to be at least six (6) feet apart and wear masks when not performing;
- Inform your employees of the COVID-19 protocols you have put in place, including a mask or face covering policy and any applicable leave policies;

- Maintain records of individuals who performed and attended and provide these records and contact information upon request to the Department of Health (DC Health) for contact tracing purposes.
- Follow all requirements for food retail operations in the District and provide contact information for all vendors;
- Post signage of your mask or face covering guidelines and physical guides or signs of your social distancing policies; and
- Inform any individual who is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 to not attend the event.

If you are notified of any positive COVID-19 cases from event employees, volunteers, or attendees, please immediately inform DC Health of any COVID-19 laboratory-confirmed cases, following all procedures available at: <https://dchealth.dc.gov/page/covid-19-reporting-requirements>.

One further condition of this waiver is that you consent to allow inspectors from DC Health; the Alcohol and Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA); and the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) to inspect facilities and practices to verify your compliance with this waiver and your plan, incorporated herein.

Finally, if there are changes to your prior operational plan authorized under this waiver, or if you request additional expansion of the activities allowed at this time, please come back to us to confirm you can proceed under new terms. HSEMA and DC Health will review any modifications. Such assent is not automatic on our part, and I will be your point of contact.

We appreciate your partnership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Rodriguez', with a large, stylized initial 'C'.

Dr. Christopher Rodriguez  
Director

Cc: Dr. LaQuandra Nesbitt, Director, DC Health  
Ernst Chrappah, Director, DCRA