

Ragtag Cinema
10 Hitt Street
Columbia, Missouri 65201

Reopening plans

Ragtag Cinema will open on June 12 and will screen films on Fridays and Saturdays. Further screening days will be added as we see financially feasible. We will first open to our current members. This is 1200 people in the mid-Missouri area. We want to have a small sample group to test a reopening on and adjust from there! Our hope is we can open fully to the public June 19.

We will be limiting capacity in our large theater to 35 people (normal capacity of 138) and our small theatre will be limited to 19 people (normal capacity of 66). This allows for social distancing within the theatre. We will cover seats with plastic that are not to be used. This will show available seating and encourage 6ft between patrons.

We will have one staff member in the theater during seating to assist and monitor that social distancing is followed as our patrons pick their seats. This same staff member will introduce the film, a Ragtag tradition! But we have added safety info to the introduction. We will be sharing info about exiting the theatre and how to properly dispose of dishes after the screening.

We have also created a bumper (a trailer to play before the films) that encourages our patrons to wash their hands, avoid contact, and to wear masks.

We will ask patrons to leave their dishes at their seats. A staff member from Uprise Bakery will bus the dishes from the theater after the film. The operational staff will clean the seats after the screening.

We will encourage our non operational staff to continue working from home. During our film screening times we will have operational staff in the cinema, one box officer and one projectionist. The operational staff will be wearing masks and will have access to hand sanitizer, hand washing stations, and gloves. The staff will arrive one hour before the first show time and will begin their shift by cleaning the theaters and bathrooms. The staff will clean the theaters and bathrooms between each screening.

We are adjusting our traffic flow to clearly mark entrance and exit doors to avoid any congestion. A staff member will be in the theatre during exiting and will assist to avoid groups from gathering at the exits. Typically we encourage hanging around and discussing films but right now we are going to encourage taking that discussion online!

Another thing we will be doing is renting our small theatre at a discounted rate. Our hope is that families, and what we are calling quaran-teams, will rent the theatre to watch a film with those

who they have been living with during the “stay at home order.” The discounted rates will make it more accessible for rental. The same procedures as above will be used for the rentals.

We have supplies on hand for protection (masks and gloves), supplies for cleaning (disinfectant wipes and cleaning spray), signage encouraging best practices in hand washing, and hand sanitizer for public use. We are also doing additional training with staff to learn our new procedures and how to respectfully work with a patron not following the rules.

We have put up plexi glass at our box office to protect our staff. We are encouraging purchasing tickets online so void points of contact with credit cards and cash. And we are spreading out expectations wide to our patrons.

We are ready for this!