Our most valuable asset is our people — employees, volunteers and members of our creative community. Nothing is more important than their safety and wellbeing. So, in mid-March, we became a fully remote organization in staff location and program delivery. We anticipate returning to our home in the High Low in mid-2021.

We rent two small offices in the Kranzberg Arts Foundation (KAF)’s literary arts center, where we have access to shared amenities on the second floor and use the first floor gallery and event space for our workshops.

At the beginning of the pandemic, KAF drafted safety plans for its venues. Based on the most up-to-date public health and safety recommendations, the Missouri ArtSafe certified protocols (https://www.kranzbergartsfoundation.org/covid-19/) include facial coverings, social distancing, health checks, contact tracing, contactless experience, reduced capacity, enhanced sanitation, and safe practices training. In June, our two employees signed the KAF’s High Low Covid-19 mitigation policies and procedures. We understand that the safety plan may be revised to reflect new guidance from public health experts and the City of St. Louis; we will comply with all revisions. We are also prepared for the High Low to temporarily close should local health guidance change or if someone who works in or visits the building tests positive.

Our outreach programs include sending speakers to college classrooms and making presentations hosted by nonprofits, libraries and professional organizations. These speaking engagements will continue virtually into 2021. When in-person gatherings resume, our presenters will be encouraged to immediately raise any health or safety concerns and will be given the option to not participate if they believe their safety is in jeopardy.

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