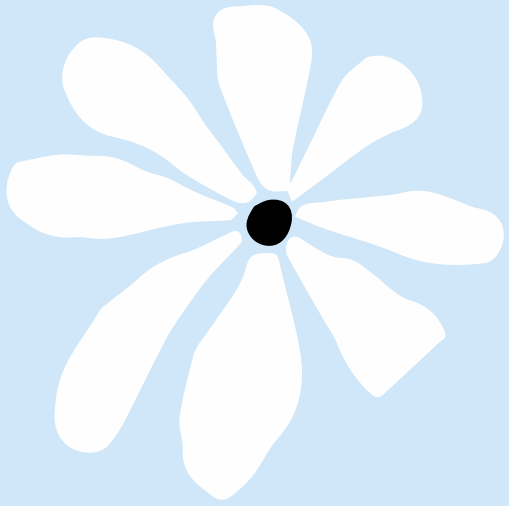


***31% of Americans
are still masking.***

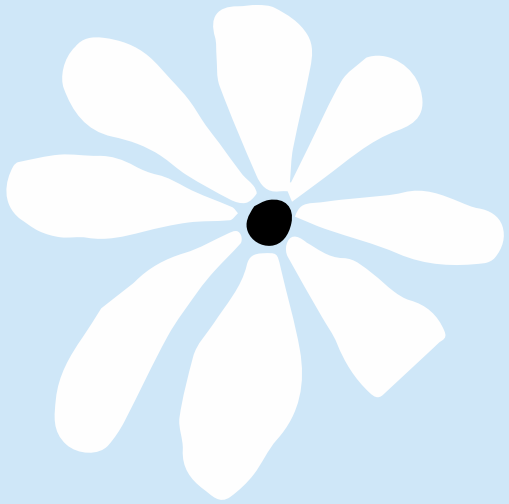
***So why don't
we see them?***





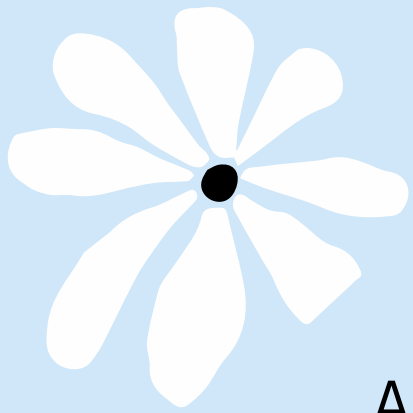
Going to shows lately,
it seems like “nobody’s
masking anymore.” But
the reality is that
**covid-cautious people
are being pushed out of
these spaces.**





Nearly a quarter of Americans are still avoiding events with large crowds, and even more are still masking. There's a selection bias at crowded events: if you do attend and choose to mask, you feel like the only one. **You're not.**

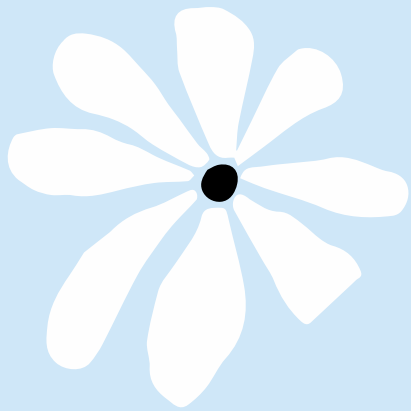




A third of all Americans are being excluded from indoor crowded events due to the inaccessibility of the spaces. And the inaccessibility of those spaces makes us believe that there's no demand for them to be different, since we don't see any covid-cautious people there.

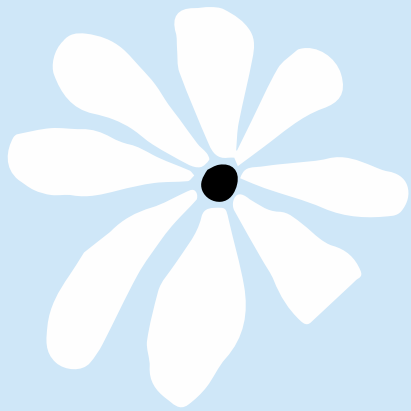
It's a feedback loop that entrenches ableism in our music scene.





Continued covid-safety is burdensome in large part because we feel like the only ones. But that itself is a product of the ableist policies that have been chosen in public life. **Covid-cautious people make up a third of all Americans. We can work together to push for change.**





Source: "At Year Three, Americans Split on Whether Pandemic Is Over," Gallup Panel Survey (Feb 21–28, 2023).

<https://news.gallup.com/poll/471734/year-three-americans-split-whether-pandemic.aspx>

