



## **COVID-19 Risk Mitigation Policies & Procedures:**

### Corvallis Youth Symphony/Willamette Valley Junior Honors Symphony

CYSA prioritizes the health and safety of its musicians, faculty, and staff. Additionally, CYSA is committed to providing our students with a high-quality symphonic experience. To hold rehearsals and events as safely as possible, the CYSA Board of Directors and leadership team has moved to update our COVID-19 Mitigation Policies & Procedures as follows. These policies are subject to change based on current guidance from government health agencies. CYSA will communicate any changes in policy to families in a timely and transparent manner.

#### **CYSA Faculty/Staff/Volunteer Policy:**

- **CYSA faculty/staff/volunteers/coaches are required to be fully vaccinated by October 18.**
- Till then, any unvaccinated staff/teacher/volunteer/coach will be required to show a negative Covid test from within 72 hours prior to any CYSA event.

#### **Corvallis Youth Symphony/Willamette Valley Junior Honors Symphony Policies:**

- **All student members of CYS/JHS must show proof of COVID-19 vaccination OR a negative COVID-19 test from within 72 hours of the CYS/JHS rehearsal or event ([TESTING SITE INFO](#) ; rapid tests also accepted).**
  - Proof of student's vaccination (scan/photo) should be emailed or texted to CYSA Executive Director, Annissa Bolder ([annissabolder@gmail.com](mailto:annissabolder@gmail.com) ; 480-452-2936)
  - If a student is unvaccinated, a negative test from within 72 hours prior to the event will be required to participate. This includes proof of a negative test before every rehearsal.



- Negative test results can be emailed or texted to the CYSA Orchestra Manager, Bettine Zimmermann ([bettine.zimmermann.cysa@gmail.com](mailto:bettine.zimmermann.cysa@gmail.com) ; 503-869-4446) or brought to rehearsal.
- ***Students will only be admitted to rehearsal/event if proof of vaccination is on file OR a negative test from within 72 hours of rehearsal/event is shown.***
- **Masks will be required at all CYSA events for all participants.**
  - Wind/Brass players will be provided special face masks and bell covers to use while playing. All others are encouraged to bring a mask from home; disposable masks will be available if needed.
    - *There is a \$15 replacement fee if a student loses their wind/brass face mask or bell cover.*
  - Removing masks is only permitted ***outside when eating/drinking.***
- **Physical distancing of 3 feet will be required for all.**
- **Students will take a break every 40-50 minutes to clear the rehearsal room and improve ventilation.**
- **CYSA will work with venues to make sure HVAC systems are allowing the maximum amount of ventilation, filtration, and outside air.** CYSA will provide extra air purification as possible at rehearsal venues.
- **Students'/staff temperatures will be taken with a touchless thermometer when entering rehearsal.**
- **Students/staff will be asked Screening Questions for COVID-19 when entering rehearsal.**
- **Students/staff should STAY HOME if they present any of these symptoms.** If symptoms are detected during a rehearsal, they will be isolated from others under the supervision of a volunteer and sent home as soon as possible:
  - Fever (100.4F) or chills
  - Cough



- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion/runny nose
- Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea
- **Students/staff should STAY HOME if anyone in their family has been exposed to a positive case of COVID-19:**
  - **Unvaccinated:** Quarantine for 14 days if you have been in close contact (within 3 feet of someone for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period) with someone who has COVID-19. Quarantine can be shortened to 7 days if you have a negative test on day 5 or later.
  - **Fully vaccinated:** Do NOT need to quarantine after contact with someone who had COVID-19 unless they have symptoms. **However, fully vaccinated people should get tested 3-5 days after their exposure and should only attend rehearsal once a negative test is received.**
- If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, CYSA will inform families. The infected individual will remain anonymous. Close contacts in the program (student was within 3 feet of another student for 15 minutes or more within a 24-hour window) will be informed to follow appropriate quarantine procedures, as outlined above.
- **All cases of COVID-19 among students/staff and outbreaks must be reported to the local health authority and CYSA. CYSA and the public must cooperate with public health authorities in the investigation of cases and outbreaks that may be associated with CYSA activities. A COVID-19 outbreak is considered when the following have been met:**
  - There are two or more COVID-19 cases among students/staff



- The cases have a symptom onset or positive test result within a 14-day period of each other. The cases are epidemiologically linked.
- The cases do not share a household.
- The cases are not identified as close contacts of each other in another setting.
- Rehearsals may be temporarily suspended or held on Zoom in the case of an outbreak in an orchestra.
- **All CYSA participants will sign the Release of Liability/COVID-19 Waiver in order to participate.**

**All CYS/JHS rehearsals will be streamed on Zoom for students to join at home IF they cannot attend in person for whatever reason (quarantine, sick, etc.)**

We ask that all CYSA participants adhere to our COVID-19 policies to maintain a safe and healthy environment for our community. Notwithstanding any such efforts, it is simply not possible to guarantee that COVID-19 is not present nor to prevent you or your child from becoming exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID-19. By attending CYSA group activities, you and your child are exposed to the risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19. For that reason, all participants will be required to sign a COVID-19 Waiver prior to the start of rehearsals. **If you choose not to sign or are unable to follow the policies outlined here, your participation in CYS/JHS will be forfeited and CYSA will refund any tuition you have already paid for the season.** Thank you for your understanding as we continue to navigate these challenging times, and we hope that with appropriate precautions we can enjoy a safe and musically fulfilling season!