



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

### **Elementary Strings/Intermezzo/Encore!**

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 who work in the school or with students are required to be up to date with COVID-19 vaccination and follow all COVID-19 policies outlined here.**

### **Elementary Strings COVID-19 Policies:**

- **Masking will no longer be required in Elementary Strings classes. Students and staff are encouraged to wear masks based on their [individual risk assessment](#).** CYSA is supportive of individual choice when it comes to masking.
- **Physical distancing of 3 feet will be required for all.** Class sizes will be limited and music stands will be provided for all to ensure physical distancing can be accommodated.
- **CYSA will work with venues to make sure HVAC systems are allowing the maximum amount of ventilation, filtration, and outside air.**
- **Students/staff should STAY HOME if they present any of these symptoms.** If symptoms are detected during a class, the student 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
- **Additional information can be found in [When Should I Keep My Child Home From School](#).**
- **If a student has tested positive for COVID-19, they cannot attend CYSA activities for 5 full days.** After 5 full days, they may return to activities if they are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication, and other symptoms have improved.
- **All cases of COVID-19 among Elementary Strings students/staff must be reported to CYSA (email [bettine.zimmermann.cysa@gmail.com](mailto:bettine.zimmermann.cysa@gmail.com)).** CYSA must report all COVID-19 cases to the local health authority.
- **All CYSA participants will sign the Release of Liability/COVID-19 Waiver in order to participate.**

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 CYSA programs 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!