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YOCJ COVID-19 Protocols 2021-22

As we resume in person rehearsals, the health and safety of our YOCJ Students continue to be our highest priority. We ask that YOCJ families read this entire document and verify, **via the Google doc form**, that they will follow the protocols outlined below for the 2021-22 season. YOCJ will notify you of any updates throughout the season.

YOCJ is obligated to follow the protocols of the venues in which we rehearse and perform, such as, but not limited to the Prince of Peace Church, TCNJ, Rider University etc. YOCJ also aims to follow the procedures of the West Windsor Plainsboro School District, as well as the CDC, and local and state guidelines.

YOCJ COVID PROTOCOLS

1. Students who are sick must stay home and report their absence online:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScN6wswK-foEIfaEMrw-nrcTjoyx37zLFNkh0bnh64jbgdGIw/viewform>
2. Students and staff must wear a mask upon entering and moving about the facility. Masks must cover both the nose and mouth.
3. Woodwind, Brass, and Saxophone students who must lower their masks to play their instrument can do so. Masks should be worn to use the restroom and walk around the building.
4. Woodwind, Brass, and Saxophone students must use bell covers on their instruments during YOCJ rehearsals, except for the flutes.
5. All students will be distanced from one another as the rehearsal room allows.
6. Hand sanitizer will be provided at the entrance of the rehearsal facility and available for student use.
7. All conductors and staff will be required to be fully vaccinated and wear a mask.

Reporting and responding to COVID-19 cases:

1. If your child is confirmed to have a COVID-19 infection and was at YOCJ within 2 days prior to diagnosis, please notify us at **executivedirector@yocj.org** as soon as possible.
2. An investigation into student overlap will occur when YOCJ is notified about someone at a rehearsal or event testing positive.
3. Any student who was exposed/in close contact (within 6 feet of someone for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period) to COVID-19 at YOCJ will be notified within one business day of YOCJ being notified.
4. Confidentiality will be maintained to the extent possible.

If a student is in close contact with a person with COVID-19 either off- or on-site:

1. Any unvaccinated student may not attend rehearsal and must quarantine for 10 days.
2. Any vaccinated student may attend rehearsals as long as they are symptom-free. We recommend getting a COVID test 3-5 days after exposure, as advised by the CDC.
3. Attendance will be adjusted on a case-by-case basis.

If a student contracts COVID-19:

1. Any vaccinated or unvaccinated student may not attend rehearsal until a 10-day quarantine period is complete AND the student is symptom-free.
2. Attendance policies will be adjusted on a case-by-case basis.