

BSYO Safety Protocols: Fall 2021

Masks Required

Masks are required for all BSYO members and personnel when indoors and for the duration of all rehearsals and performances, regardless of vaccination status.

Wind and Brass Precautions

Wind and brass instrumentalists will use perforated masks or approved custom masks when playing. The BSYO has samples to share upon request.

Wind and brass instrumentalists will be spaced at least 3 feet apart to ensure the benefits of social distancing.

Wind and brass instrumentalists will use bell covers and/or the appropriate instrument covers while playing. The BSYO has samples to share upon request.

Food and Drink

No snacks or food will be allowed during BSYO rehearsals. Participants may drink their water or beverage when taking a break and if they are socially distanced from other members.

Drop-Off and Pick-Up

Parents will not be allowed to wait inside during rehearsals. Please ensure your child safely enters the lobby at 193 Exchange Street for rehearsals.

Rehearsal Length

Rehearsals for Fall 2021 have been shortened as follows to adhere to the latest guidance for educational music groups and to avoid crowding in the building and rehearsal spaces:

4:00 to 4:45 p.m.	Pre-Orchestra Program
5:15 to 6:15 p.m.	Wind Ensemble and Prelude String Orchestra
6:45 to 8:00 p.m.	Philharmonic Orchestra

Weekly Symptom Screening

Please self-administer the following symptom screening questions before attending rehearsal each week.

Symptom Screening Questionnaire

(1) Regardless of your vaccination status, have you experienced any of the symptoms in the list below in the past 48 hours?

YES NO

IMPORTANT: ANSWER “YES” EVEN IF YOU BELIEVE THE SYMPTOM(S) IS BECAUSE OF SOME OTHER MEDICAL CONDITION (FOR EXAMPLE, ANSWER “YES” IF YOU HAVE A RUNNY NOSE BECAUSE OF ALLERGIES).

- fever or chills
- cough
- shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- fatigue
- muscle or body aches
- headache
- new loss of taste or smell
- sore throat
- congestion or runny nose
- nausea or vomiting
- diarrhea

If you have had any of the above symptoms in the last 48 hours, DO NOT physically return to the BSYO until symptoms have been improving for more than 48 hours.

(2) Are you isolating or quarantining because you tested positive for COVID-19 or are worried that you may be sick with COVID-19?

YES NO

(3) Have you been in close physical contact* in the last 14 days with someone who has COVID-19?

YES NO

If you answer “YES” to any of the above questions, do not attend rehearsal or performance.

*Close contact is defined by the CDC as “within 6 feet of someone for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period with someone who has COVID-19.” Close contacts must quarantine for 14 days, with the following exception per the latest CDC guidance:

- *A close contact who is fully vaccinated AND has tested negative for COVID-19 after exposure AND shows no symptoms may resume attendance at BSYO*

COVID Exposure Protocols

BSYO staff will monitor reported outbreaks and closures at schools attended by BSYO members to determine if a BSYO rehearsal needs to move online or be rescheduled to a later date.

As a reminder, if a BSYO participant must quarantine from their school, they must quarantine from BSYO.

If a BSYO participant tests positive for COVID-19 and their exposure timeline includes attendance at a BSYO rehearsal, that ensemble must move online or be rescheduled to a later date, and all ensemble members will be notified of the possible close contact.

If an instructor must quarantine due to exposure or a positive test, and a substitute instructor cannot be found, that ensemble must move online or be rescheduled to a later date.

If a student or staff becomes ill during rehearsal or performance:

- Isolate individual in 2nd floor meeting room of 189 Exchange Street or venue room
- Ensure student or staff person is wearing a face covering
- If a medical emergency, call 911, otherwise call parent or guardian, send home, and ask parent to call their child's medical provider
- Notify students and staff who came into contact with ill person of their possible virus exposure. Maintain confidentiality as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

In the event of widespread cancellations due to COVID-19 in the community or governmental guidance restricting gathering:

- (1) Rehearsal activities will move online
- (2) Any upcoming performances will be either rescheduled or performed virtually

Parents, please alert BSYO staff if your child has a positive COVID-19 test result after attending a BSYO rehearsal or performance.

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