



Guidance for K-12 Performing Arts COVID Safety Protocols

Guidance based largely on U. of Colorado Study

- Facial covering requirements for all student musicians, except in cases in which the student has a medical exemption:
 - Students shall follow the general school guidelines for facial coverings while not playing.
 - All students shall wear a mask (not a shield) while singing.
 - Students may remove their mask while playing an instrument which requires the use of the mouth. A slitted mask is an option for those wishing to continue wearing a mask during playing. While not playing, students shall wear a mask (not a shield).
- Musicians shall maintain 6' of distance whenever possible. Class sizes will be limited to allow for 6' of distancing in seating/spacing in the Upper School and 4-6' in the Lower School.
- Music classes and rehearsals will be limited to 30 minutes of actual playing or singing within a class period.
- When possible, classes or rehearsals may be held outside.
- Bell covers will be used on all instruments when appropriate.
- Personal hygiene will be emphasized, including hand washing and sanitizing of equipment.
- Disposable, absorbent "puppy" padding will be used to capture spit valve waste underneath instrument players.
- In addition to HEPA filtered HVAC units, additional HEPA air purifiers will be added to each performing arts space.
- Drama students may wear a shield instead of a mask.
- Waivers or performing arts requirement will be granted with documentation provided by a student's doctor recommending that the student not participate in the required class. Anyone claiming a waiver in band or strings must understand that private lessons would be strongly recommended in the interim or the student will likely become so far behind in their ability that it would be nearly impossible to slide back in after a semester or more away.