

## MYS COVID-19 Protocols for In-Person Rehearsals



### Before Rehearsal:

- Each student must confirm their participation through the attached form and indicate that they have do not have a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19, have not experienced COVID-19 symptoms, or been in contact with someone who has a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19.
- No one may attend in-person activities if they are ill or have symptoms of any kind, COVID-19- related or otherwise (fever of 100° F or above, sore throat, cough, shortness of breath, new loss of taste or smell, etc.), or if they have a suspected or confirmed active case of COVID-19.
- If any employee, volunteer, parent or student develops COVID-19 symptoms prior to rehearsal, they may not attend.
- Please make sure to gather your instrument, music, pencil, a music stand, and your PPE so that you are ready for rehearsal. Students may not share any equipment or items during rehearsal.

### Entering Rehearsal:

- MYS will uphold strict social distancing measures at in-person activities to ensure a minimum of 6 feet is maintained between all individuals.
- Upon arriving at Messiah, students will be checked in by a staff member, sanitize their hands, verify that their health screening was completed and is accurate, and receive a temperature check.
- It is important to minimize the number of total MYS participants in the building. Parents are not allowed in the building. If you need to accompany your child to rehearsal due to extenuating circumstances, please contact the MYS office to arrange this. Parents/guardians and all others will wait outside in vehicles, or drop off and pick up.
- After checking in, students must carry all of their own belongings and proceed directly to their pre-assigned seat. Chair tags will be provided.
- Entering students will use the designated lane for entering, and will wait in a spaced line before being directed to enter the rehearsal space.
- Signage will mark entrances, spacing of 6 feet, and directional flow to limit contact and prevent congregating.
- Students will be assigned a seat, and each chamber orchestra will be configured to ensure at least 6 feet between string players. No one will share a stand, so make sure to bring your own stand and music every week.

### During Rehearsal

- Individuals must maintain a 6-foot distance between each other at all times.
- If an individual experiences COVID-19 symptoms during MYS rehearsal, they will immediately report to onsite staff who will direct that individual to a pre-determined space until transportation home can be arranged.

- Individuals are prohibited from gathering in groups in any areas.
- Individuals are prohibited from using each other's personal protective equipment, phones, or rehearsal equipment such as music stands, music, pencils, instruments, and accessories.
- In accordance with MN executive order 20-81, all individuals attending in-person rehearsals are required to bring and properly wear a mask indoors at all times, even while playing.
- Students are asked to provide their own masks, but MYS will have extra disposable masks on hand if needed.
- The mask policy will be enforced by staff. Those not abiding by the guidelines will not be admitted or will be asked to leave. Failure to consistently comply will lead to dismissal from the program.
- All employees and participants are instructed to practice proper respiratory etiquette (cover nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing).
- Food and beverages are not allowed, except for bottled water which individuals may bring on their own.
- Students should remain in their seats, except in case of emergency.
- Each rehearsal will be livestreamed via Google Classroom so students can learn at home if necessary.

### **Pick Up from Rehearsal**

- Students will use a designated lane for exiting the building and if they need to wait for their parent/guardian, they will remain in the building in a spaced line.
- Students will exit Gloria Dei on the Eleanor side of the parking lot. Please refer to the provided map for more information.
- Please pick up students promptly as this will ensure we do not have students congregating.

### **After Rehearsal**

- Employees, volunteers, and parents/guardians (on behalf of their children) will notify MYS Operations Manager Krin McMillen ([kmcmillen@mnyouthsymphonies.org](mailto:kmcmillen@mnyouthsymphonies.org)) and Executive Director Amelia Hemmingsen ([afhemmingsen@mnyouthsymphonies.org](mailto:afhemmingsen@mnyouthsymphonies.org)) immediately if they develop COVID-19- like symptoms and/or has a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19.
- MYS will support contact tracing efforts through clear and prompt reporting of known COVID19 to parents/guardians, staff, and program venues, while respecting the privacy of individuals and applicable HIPAA requirements.
- In the event of a confirmed case of COVID-19 within a chamber orchestra, rehearsals for that group will move online depending on the timeline of possible transmission and incubation periods. These decisions will be further informed by MDH and CDC guidance and will be taken on a case by case basis.

### **Cleaning and Sanitation**

- Regular housekeeping practices are being implemented by Messiah and will include daily cleaning and disinfecting of high-touch surfaces, activity spaces, and restrooms.
- All chairs and high touch points will be disinfected between each rehearsal.
- MYS will provide cleaning supplies for each rehearsal and will provide face shields and masks for each employee/volunteer at rehearsal.