



General Safety Protocols

These protocols are effective August 2020.

- For the safety of our musicians and staff, family members will not be allowed to enter the building. Families can park in the lot behind the building and walk their child to the front of the building or they can utilize the drop-off area in front of the building. Cars will be asked to stop so the passenger door opens toward the building. Cars will not be allowed to stand or park in the front of the building during the duration of the rehearsals. Please use parking spots in the parking lot directly behind and adjacent to the building. This ensures pick-up and drop-off will be safer and less prone to bottle-necking.
- All ensembles will have a staggered start time to allow for student check-in and screening in a safe manner. At Elley-Long Music Center, foot traffic is one-way for musicians. Entering will be through the front doors by the drop-off area, and posted signs will designate how to exit.
- Musicians must wear a mask when they enter the building. Upon entering, all musicians' temperature will be taken. Anyone with a temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher will be unable to participate in the rehearsal.
- Musicians must use hand sanitizer before heading to their rehearsal space.
- All musicians and staff are required to wear masks during their time in the building.
- Woodwind and brass musicians must leave their mask on, but lowered while playing. Masks should be raised back up during long rests. Flutists must be masked at all times, including while playing.
- Musicians must bring their own music stand to use. String players will not be sharing stands. All musicians will sit in their assigned seat. Woodwind and brass chairs will be spaced by a 6 feet radius. String players will be spaced by no less than a 4.5 foot radius.
- All string players must bring their own rosin. Cellists and Bassists must bring their own rock stop or end pin cover. VYOA will not loan out any equipment or instruments.
- Rehearsals are 90 minutes long with no planned break other than to stretch between pieces.
- Musicians should use the restroom before rehearsal starts. Restrooms have a three-person occupancy limit and musicians must observe posted signs for use.
- All woodwind and brass students will be provided materials where spit valves can be emptied. Musicians will be expected to dispose of these at the end of rehearsal.
- All woodwind and brass players must play with a bell cover on their instrument during rehearsals and performances. VYOA will provide each student with one bell cover for the year. Musicians are

responsible for replacing their bell cover if it becomes lost or damaged.

- Percussion students will be provided sanitizing wipes and must wipe down VYOA mallets and instruments before and after rehearsal.
- At the end of rehearsal musicians will close up and leave the building in an orderly fashion. Musicians will not be allowed to congregate inside the building.
- VYOA staff will be sanitizing all chairs and hard surfaces after each group's rehearsal. A 30 minute break has been allotted between all rehearsals in each space to allow for sanitizing during the changeover.
- Families must notify the VYOA if their musician or someone in their family has contracted COVID-19 and their musician has been at rehearsal within the 14 day timeframe. Names will be kept confidential when musicians and staff are notified for contact tracing purposes.

Screening and Attendance

- Musicians should not attend rehearsal if they are sick or displaying symptoms of COVID-19. Symptoms listed by the Vermont Department of Health include:
 - Fever (100.4 F or higher)
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Chills
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle pain or aches
 - Headache
 - Sore throat
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea
- Families will receive a screening questionnaire weekly. This must be completed before musicians can attend the upcoming Saturday or Sunday rehearsal. Parents will be required to complete the questionnaire at the time of drop-off if not submitted online in time.
- Out of state travel: The VYOA will be following the Cross State Travel guidelines as listed and updated by the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development. VYOA staff is referencing the out-of-state travel map on the VT ACCD website that dictates whether a student must be quarantined for 14 days or not before attending rehearsal. Please let staff members know if your travel to a yellow or red county was essential travel as described by the VT ACCD. Maps are updated Friday and can be found at <https://accd.vermont.gov/covid-19/restart/cross-state-travel>.

Protocols for Positive COVID-19 Cases

- In the event that a VYOA member is found to have tested positive for COVID-19 or exhibits significant symptoms of COVID-19, that member may not participate in in-person rehearsals and/or performances for at least 14 days.
- The VYOA will follow all guidelines as outlined by the state health department.
- The VYOA musician must meet the following conditions before returning to any VYOA in-person programming:
 - There are no signs of symptoms for at least 10 days.
 - The musician has received a negative COVID-19 test.