

Harrisburg Symphony Youth Orchestras' Covid-19 Guidelines

All Harrisburg Symphony Youth Orchestras ensembles will meet in person during the 2021-2022 season. For the safety of our students, families, and staff, HSYO will follow HSO policy and adhere to all Pennsylvania health and safety guidelines regarding Covid-19. The specific measures taken in this regard are outlined below and will be updated as new information becomes available from the PA Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control.

Masks (double-layered, worn over nose and mouth)

All individuals (students, parents, volunteers, staff) involved in HSYO programs will be required to wear a face mask as outlined in guidelines by the [state of Pennsylvania](#) and the [Centers for Disease Control](#) (CDC). Masks should be worn from the time a student leaves their car to enter rehearsal until they get back in their car after rehearsal. Student musicians and staff will be responsible for washing and caring for their masks. Disposable masks will be available as needed. Additional information from the American Academy of Pediatricians regarding proper usage of face masks and the benefits concerning infection control and prevention can be found [HERE](#).

Weekly Covid-19 Check and Reporting

All HSYO students, volunteers, and staff will need to complete a weekly Covid-19 questionnaire before arriving to rehearsal. This procedure will ensure vigilance in preventing the spread of Covid-19 within the HSYO community and allow for effective reporting should a case(s) emerge.

If a student believes or knows they have come in contact with someone who has demonstrated Covid-19 symptoms or has tested positive for Covid-19, they should contact Mark Hunsberger, HSO Director of Education, at their earliest convenience. Doing so will allow the HSYO team to assess the situation and determine a proper course of action. The following [FLOW CHART](#) (borrowed from Susquenita School District) provides an overview of the necessary steps should a student suspect they demonstrate Covid-19 symptoms.

In any situation involving an HSYO student and a positive Covid-19 test or contact with someone who has tested positive, all possible steps to ensure anonymity will be taken.

The lobby and other parts of Trinity Lutheran will be unavailable for gathering or waiting. Parents should plan to wait elsewhere during their child's rehearsal time. Parents should plan to meet their child outside of the building after rehearsal but should practice appropriate social distancing.

Personal Hygiene

Student musicians, parents, volunteers, and staff are expected to follow the health and safety protocols directed by the CDC and summarized below:

- Regularly wash hands with soap and water
- Regularly use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol (provided by HSYO)
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or use the inside of the elbow

Vaccination

While HSYO is not requiring Covid vaccination at this time, we encourage all students who are able to get vaccinated to do so.