

COVID-19 Protocols: DPJS, DPYS, and DPYO

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The Dayton Performing Arts Alliance has adopted the following principles for making decisions about our health precautions.

1. We will follow the most cautious guidance provided by the public authorities: Federal, state, and local. Recognizing that these are not always in harmony, we will choose on the side of caution.
2. We will not attempt to second-guess the best science recognized by public authorities, nor to make scientific judgments or decisions.
3. We may choose to be more cautious than the public authorities if it is widely believed in our fields (artistic, performance, union) that great caution or greater detail is needed than is prescribed by government agencies. In such cases, we will rely on widely-available industry guidance in making decisions for our staff, artists, and audiences, recognizing that this guidance is not always harmonious and we may be required to make our own judgments.

Based on current CDC and Montgomery County Public Health guidelines for schools and extracurricular activities, the Dayton Performing Arts Alliance is implementing the following procedures for participatory education programs, including the Dayton Ballet School and Youth Orchestras. We will continue to re-evaluate as needed.

- Universal masking, regardless of vaccination status
- Students will be distanced 3 feet
- Students will use their own, individual music stands
- Instrument bags and bell covers are **not** required for wind and brass players in DPYO
- **Don't** attend rehearsal if you're feeling sick but **do** communicate with your conductor. The CDC has a list of COVID-19 symptoms and a self-checker [here](#). Talk to your doctor if you are unsure if you should be tested for COVID-19.

If a student has a **confirmed positive case** of COVID-19:

- Contact the Director of Education who will make any necessary communications while maintaining the privacy of the student who tested positive
- Follow standard isolation procedures set by your local health department
- Student can return to rehearsal 10 days from the date symptoms started (or the date of the positive test if they have no symptoms)
- If contact tracing determines students were exposed to someone with COVID-19 during rehearsal, parents of the exposed students will be notified immediately. Whether or not a student must quarantine is dependent upon many factors, including consistency of mask-wearing, vaccines, and distance between students/staff. Parents will be informed of the need to quarantine or to just monitor symptoms based on the guidance from the health department.

If a student or household member has a **confirmed exposure** to COVID-19:

- Contact the Director of Education who will use state and local health guidelines to determine when the student can return to rehearsal

References: [CDC Guidelines](#); [Montgomery County Public Health](#); [Ohio Department of Health](#)