

EDMONTON YOUTH ORCHESTRA POLICIES, PRINCIPLES, & PROCEDURES

ORCHESTRA MEMBER MEDICAL POLICY (Adopted May 26th, 2020)

POLICY STATEMENT:

The Edmonton Youth Orchestra is committed to providing a safe environment where members can rehearse and perform music without exposure to unnecessary health and medical risks.

SCOPE:

This policy applies to members of the Intermediate and Senior Edmonton Youth Orchestras during rehearsals, concerts, special programs, training, travel, social events, and other organized activities at the rehearsal space or other venues.

This policy does not apply outside supervised areas or the designated rehearsal/performance space.

POLICY DETAILS:

Temporary Health Conditions:

Orchestra members must advise the General Manager or Music Director of any temporary health or allergic conditions that could affect their attendance at a rehearsal or performance, or the health and well-being of other members as soon as possible prior to the rehearsal or performance. The General Manager and/or Music Director will respond with their recommendation for the member's attendance. This dialogue may happen through email or other means. Examples of temporary health conditions include, but are not limited to, flu or cold symptoms, which may affect the member's ability to perform effectively, or which risk being spread to others.

Chronic Health Conditions:

Parents, guardians, or orchestra members must fill out a Personal Health Form to advise the General Manager of the chronic medical condition(s), severe allergies, or other health needs potentially requiring special support (such as injections or special dietary accommodations). If conditions change, the member, parent, or orchestra member is required to update the General Manager. Examples of chronic health or allergic conditions include, but are not limited to, food allergies, diabetes, and anaphylactic reactions.

Medical Leave:

Medical leave may be implemented for members with a serious medical problem. Medical leave is determined on a case-by-case basis. Time needed to recover may require the member to miss a number of rehearsals. Whether the member on Medical Leave can participate in an upcoming concert is up to the Musical Director.

Injuries and Accidents:

Orchestra members who suffer an injury during rehearsals, concerts, special programs, training, travel, social events, and other organized activities are asked to inform the General Manager, Music Director, board members, orchestra volunteers, or other orchestra members regarding medical care.

Pandemics:

The Edmonton Youth Orchestra Board will follow the recommendations and guidelines of Alberta Health Services and other medical experts in the event of public health emergencies. This may mean altering or cancelling rehearsal and concert plans indefinitely. Electronic meetings and voting can be used to hasten decision-making in these circumstances.

Responsibilities:

The General Manager, Music Director, board members, orchestra volunteers, or other orchestra members are not responsible for care in circumstances of member health emergencies. (Please see Canada Labour Code, Section 126 (3) and Alberta Emergency Medical Aid Act, RSA 2000.) Where permission to help has been granted or implied, involvement includes, and is limited to, alerting and making arrangements for medical professionals, such as paramedics. The Edmonton Youth Orchestra will make reasonable efforts to have a member's health information available to health professionals in emergency situations, but cannot guarantee this provision.

Parents and/or legal guardians understand that there are some risks inherent in the activities that are included in EYO programs, and must willingly assume these risks in order to allow their child(ren) to participate. If a parent or legal guardian cannot be reached in the event of an emergency, implied consent legally allows a physician, surgeon, hospital, nurse, doctor's assistant, or medical care facility to provide any care or treatment deemed necessary.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY:

The Edmonton Youth Orchestra accepts no liability for medical care of any type for members of the Intermediate and Senior Edmonton Youth Orchestras during rehearsals, concerts, special programs, training, travel, social events, and other organized activities, at the rehearsal space or other venues. Reasonable efforts will be made to arrange for medical support in emergency situations, but the Edmonton Youth Orchestra does not represent or guarantee these to be appropriate responses.

PROTECTION OF MEDICAL INFORMATION

The Edmonton Youth Orchestra will keep any supplied orchestra member medical information confidential. The General Manager will maintain the records in electronic format and update others as necessary. The President will have access to this information upon request. In the event that chaperones or other volunteers are involved in orchestra activities, medical information may be shared with them on the understanding that confidentiality be maintained.

DEFINITIONS:

Temporary Medical Condition: A cold, flu virus, seasonal allergy, or similar condition that has a limited duration of medical impact.

Chronic Medical Condition: Chronic health conditions include, but are not limited to, food and insect allergies, diabetes, and anaphylactic reactions.

POLICY REVIEW DATE: TBA

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 26th, 2020

REVISION HISTORY: NA

CONNECTION TO BOARD POLICIES: EYO policies will be reviewed annually by the EYO



Personal Health Form

To be used in conjunction with:

- EYO Orchestra Member Medical Policy
- EYO Waiver Form

Date: _____

EYO Member: _____

(Full Name - Please Print)

Intermediate Orchestra

Senior Orchestra

- As per the EYO Orchestra Member Medical Policy (please see attached), the Edmonton Youth Orchestra will keep any supplied orchestra member medical information confidential. The information on this form may be used and shared with the Music Director, General Manager, volunteers, chaperones or medical personnel to:
 - Support the health and safety of the EYO member.
 - Administer or authorize appropriate first aid, medical attention or additional support for the EYO member.
- Any updates to contact information, health, medications or requirements for additional support must be provided by the EYO member, if the member is 18 years of age or over, or a legal guardian for those under 18 years of age.

Do You Have:	No	Yes	Please Specify
Any chronic health conditions? (e.g. epilepsy, asthma, diabetes, mental health, etc.)			
Allergies			
Dietary or Food Restrictions			

What accommodations, additional supports, or modifications would assist in your EYO participation?

Medications:

Please provide a list of medications that you will need while attending EYO rehearsals and/or special events. *EYO members under the age of 18 years of age may only be given medication with the approval of the parent/guardian. Any required medication (over-the-counter and/or prescribed) must be clearly labeled with the member's name and brought in the original packaging with dosage instructions.*

Signature: _____

(Parent/guardian for players under 18 years of age OR EYO member, if 18 years of age or over)