



COVID-19 Prevention & Response Policy

Adopted September 13, 2021

The EYO has an ethical duty to protect the health and safety of our EYO orchestra members, their families, staff and volunteers. Following discussion within our Board of Directors and consultations with the University of Alberta and the U of A, Department of Music, the following policy has been developed to provide a safe working environment and help prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

EYO will continue to monitor and assess:

- the risks associated with COVID 19 to all
- information from Health Canada as well as Provincial & Municipal authorities

and may, at its discretion, amend or modify this policy accordingly.

This policy is understood to include any future or additional vaccination measures recommended by Health Canada or Provincial or Municipal authorities. In such instance, all persons affected by this policy will be notified of a time period within which compliance will be necessary. Any requests for extension must be in writing and sent to the General Manager, EYO.

COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing Policy

EYO musicians (12 years and over), staff and volunteers are required to submit proof of being fully vaccinated for COVID-19 in order to participate in the EYO for the 2021-2022 season.

- Proof of vaccination must be submitted by Monday, September 20, 2021.
- Valid electronic or paper copies will be accepted. Immunization records can be provided through the [MyHealthRecords](#) online tool. Please note: any misrepresentation of vaccination records to the EYO will result in expulsion.
- Only the EYO General Manager will have access to vaccination records and all information collected will be stored, reviewed and disposed of according to the EYO Privacy & Data Protection Policy.

Fully vaccinated means having received your second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine approved by the Government of Canada and having completed the 14-day waiting period to ensure the vaccine's efficacy.

Players ineligible for vaccination (under 12 years of age as of January 1, 2022) must submit a negative COVID-19 test taken within 48 hours of each in-person event¹.

Parents/Guardians entering EYO rehearsal spaces are also required to be fully vaccinated as described above.

¹ The EYO is applying to receive free rapid test kits from the Government of Alberta. In the event that this application is unsuccessful, rapid tests will be at the individual's expense.

COVID-19 Self-Assessment

All EYO musicians, their parents/guardians, staff, and volunteers MUST complete a [health check](#) prior to participating in any in-person EYO activity, regardless of vaccination status. If you are unwell, stay at home.

Controlling Risk of Transmission

Based on updated information from the National Association for Music Education (NAfME) and in keeping with the University of Alberta, Department of Music's guidelines for indoor ensemble rehearsals, the following rules also apply to all EYO musicians, staff and volunteers.

Masks and Bell Covers: Masks must be worn where possible and bell covers used for wind and brass instruments while playing. (Masks must be worn at all times when not playing as per the requirements put in place by the [Province of Alberta](#) and [City of Edmonton](#).)

Duration of Activity: Rehearsals will have a 10 minute aerosol break every 50 minutes of rehearsal, based on a typical air exchange of 3 times/hour.

Distancing: Where possible to increase distance between players, a 3 ft. distance is recommended (not required by the University of Alberta when masking is in place.)

Sanitization:

- Sanitizing of hands is required:
 - immediately upon arriving at EYO activities
 - after eating food or using the washroom
 - after exiting and re-entering the venue where EYO activities are taking place
- Players will sanitize their own chair and stand at the conclusion of the rehearsal with disinfectant wipes. Wind and brass players will do likewise for any instrument condensation (spit valves, etc.)

While the EYO will have some supplies (masks, hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes) on hand, all EYO musicians are expected to come to rehearsals/events with masks and a small package of disinfectant wipes for use in sanitizing their chair and stand.

Please direct any queries to:

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