



COVID Protocols and Expectations

In order to keep all our students and faculty safe while participating in in-person programming during the COVID-19 pandemic, the following procedures, protocols, and expectations are being implemented. All of these guidelines have been made based on the mandates and recommendations of the CDC, the federal, state, and local governments, and the best practices of local school districts. Please read carefully and contact a Jazz Arts Group staff member if you have any questions or concerns.

Facial & Instrument Coverings

- All students and faculty are expected to wear a mask over their mouth and nose at all times.
- Students and faculty playing a wind instrument must wear a mask with a closable opening for access to the instrument while playing. If a student and/or faculty member is not able to obtain a proper mask for this use, please reach out to the education department as soon as possible and you will be provided with one.
- Students and faculty playing a wind instrument must have a bell cover for their instrument. If a student and/or faculty member is not able to obtain a bell cover, please reach out to the education department as soon as possible and you will be provided with one.
- Students and faculty playing a wind instrument will be provided with a designated place for emptying the spit-valve (e.g. disposable cup or absorbent pad.) Emptying spit-valves outside of this area is prohibited.

Social Distance

- There will be ample space for each student and faculty member to be at least six feet apart at all times.
- In order to ensure proper social distancing, all in-person programming participation is capped on a first-come first-serve basis.
- All students and faculty members are expected to be mindful of and adhere to maintaining at least six feet of distance at all times.

Additional Protocols

- Food and Drink will not be served and is not permitted with the exception of water in a closed-container. If there is a medical reason a student and/or faculty member requires an exception to this rule, please contact the education department and accommodations will be made.

Community

- Per the Ohio Public Health Advisory System, there are 4 alert levels that help identify the severity of the COVID-19 outbreak within each county. We will use this system to inform our decisions on in-person versus virtual rehearsals. If Franklin County is at a Level 4 (purple), we will cancel our in-person programming and notify students and families of potential virtual alternatives. The Public Health Advisory System is updated on Thursdays and students and families can expect to hear about any changes to in-person programming on the Thursday immediately prior to the program they are participating in. For Levels 3 (red), 2 (orange), and 1 (yellow), Jazz Arts Group will exercise caution in resuming in-person rehearsals, while taking necessary precautions to keep families, singers, and staff as safe as possible.
- If an in-person program were to be cancelled without returning to a virtual format, students and families are eligible to ask for a refund for the program. If a family does not request their refund within 30 days of the cancellation, it will be processed as a donation to Jazz Arts Group.

Testing & Reporting

- Students and faculty members are required to answer all questions in the CDC Self Assessment, linked [here](#), at the beginning of each program.
- Students and faculty members are required to inform Jazz Arts Group if they or a member of their household test positive for COVID-19 during or within the following 10 days of in-person programming.
- Students and faculty members may not attend in-person programming when they have tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 14 days.
- Students and faculty members may not attend in-person programming when they have experienced symptoms of COVID-19 within the last 14 days and have not yet received a negative COVID test.
- Students and faculty members may not attend in-person programming when they have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 within the last 10 days. This does not apply to students and faculty members who have tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 3 months or are fully vaccinated.

COVID-19 Protocol Compliance

- Anyone who violates these guidelines is subject to removal from the program.
- Concerns about the behavior of other students and/or faculty members should be communicated privately to Mary Manos, Jazz Academy Coordinator (mmanos@jazzartsgroup.org) or the student's ensemble director. Any complaints will be treated anonymously.