

## **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 upon the 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 Mary Manos 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 Mary Manos as soon as possible and you will be provided with one.

### **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 Mary Manos and accommodations will be considered.

### **Testing & Reporting**

- We ask that students and faculty members inform Mary Manos, Jazz Academy Coordinator, if they or a member of their household test positive for COVID-19 at any time during the program until the end of the semester (December 1). Any identifiable information will be kept confidential.
- 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.

### **Vaccinations**

- Jazz Arts Group requires all teaching faculty and musicians to receive their COVID-19 vaccination, or to provide an acceptable medical or religious exemption. We strongly encourage all eligible students in our programs to receive the COVID-19 vaccination.

### **Program Cancellation:**

- Jazz Arts Group reserves the right to cancel or amend the Columbus Youth Jazz program in the best interest of the health of our students, musicians and educators. We will be closely monitoring public health recommendations to make an informed decision about the continuation of our program, in addition to any and all current protocols in place.

### **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](mailto:mmanos@jazzartsgroup.org)) or the student's ensemble director. Any complaints will be treated anonymously.