



2022-2023 WYSO COVID-19 Policies

In light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic we will continue to implement a number of temporary policies for the safety of members, families, board, staff, and the community at large.

The policies outlined in this document supersede those in the Member Handbook and are subject to change if necessary.

This season WYSO's COVID policies will be based on guidelines set forth by Public Health Madison and Dane County (PHMDC) and the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

Rehearsal Safety Measures

- Wearing a mask during rehearsals and performances is optional. Anyone may choose to wear a mask at any time. Please respect people's choices and privacy. Note that in keeping with the guidelines from Public Health Madison, masks WILL be required in the event of recent infection or exposure as outlined further in this document.
- Members, staff, board, and volunteers are encouraged to wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer as needed.
- Members are asked to monitor themselves at home for symptoms of ANY illness and in the interest of overall public health (not just COVID-19 related) please stay home if you are sick.

What do I do if....

I have tested positive for COVID-19?

- If you have tested positive for COVID-19, you must isolate yourself at home for five days.
 - Day zero being the first day of symptoms or the day of the positive test if you are asymptomatic.
- End isolation after five full days if you are without fever for 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication) and your symptoms are improving.
- If you do not have symptoms and are without fever for 24 hours you may attend rehearsals on days six through ten. You must wear a mask during this time through the end of day ten. In this instance wind and brass players will not be permitted to return to rehearsals until after day ten.

Someone in my house has tested positive or I was around someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19?

- If you live with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or have come into contact with someone who has tested positive (within six feet of a positive person for more than 15 minutes in one day; direct physical contact; been coughed on, shared food or drink with, etc.) you are considered a close contact. Here is how you should proceed:

If you are vaccinated with eligible boosters or have tested positive for COVID within 90 days:

- If you have no symptoms you may attend rehearsal provided you wear a mask (for up to ten days after initial exposure). In this instance wind and brass players will not be permitted to return to rehearsals until after day ten. You should test for COVID five days after your initial exposure.
- If you have symptoms but have not tested, please remain home until you are without a fever for 24 hours without medication AND your other symptoms are improving. You will also be required to wear a mask to rehearsals until after the tenth day since exposure. In this instance wind and brass players will not be permitted to return to rehearsals until after day ten.
- If you have symptoms and a negative test result please remain home until you are without a fever for 24 hours without medication and your symptoms improve.

If you are unvaccinated:

- If you have no symptoms and either do not test or get a negative test result, please quarantine for ten days. After the tenth day you may return to rehearsal.
- If you have symptoms, but are untested or showing a negative test please remain home and monitor symptoms for ten days. If you are fever free for 24 hours without the assistance of medication and your symptoms have improved, you may return to rehearsal after the tenth day since exposure.

In the case of a COVID-19 diagnosis

- If a member or staff member attends a rehearsal and is later diagnosed as positive for COVID-19, it is essential to report this to the Membership Manager, Valree Casey. We assure you that all efforts will be made to protect the privacy of the infected member.
- Out of precaution, any orchestra section and/or ensemble with a member or staff who tests positive for COVID-19 will be notified and should follow the procedures outlined above.