



NORWALK YOUTH SYMPHONY

CODE OF CONDUCT

1. COVID-19 GUIDELINES

NYS will follow the **COVID-19 Health & Safety Protocols** in connection with its in-person rehearsals, performances, and events until the appropriate health authorities determine that the health and safety concerns relating to COVID-19 are no longer present or a significant threat.

2. REHEARSAL PROTOCOLS:

- NO FOOD, GUM, CANDY of any kind; a water bottle is allowed;
- All members must remain in their designated seating spaces at all times;
- Restrooms may be accessed only if necessary; please plan accordingly to avoid needing to use these facilities if at all possible;
- NO cell phone use for any reason is permitted during rehearsals, warm-ups, recitals, or concerts;
- Wear a mask or approved facial covering at all times; Woodwind and Brass players must wear mask specifically designed for your instrument, bell covers must also be used.
- Sanitize your hands before entering the rehearsal space;
- Enter and exit program spaces as directed by Parent Volunteers/NYS Staff and maintain social distancing;
- Bring only personal belongings needed to participate in the program. Store your personal belongings in designated area or within your assigned seating space.
- Snack breaks will be discontinued until further notice.
- Phil Winds and the Brass Ensemble will rehearse outdoors with proper masks and social distancing.
- Concert Orchestra & Principal Orchestra wind sections will rehearse indoors with proper distancing and a 30 minute time limit to the rehearsal.
- Students are not to share stands, music, folders, pens, pencils, water bottles, or any other personal belongings brought to the program site.
- Musician seating will be clearly marked and will be positioned to accommodate proper social distancing with increased spacing for wind & brass instrumentalists.

3. INSTRUMENT SPECIFIC SAFETY PROTOCOLS

- Winds/Brass:
 - Seats will be separated by 9 to 10 ft to increase safety;
 - Spit valves must not be emptied on the floor; an absorbent, disposable pad (such as a puppy pad) or small cup with an absorbent layer (such as kitty litter) should be used;
- Strings, Harp, Piano:
 - Players are to wear masks at all times and maintain physical distancing, as identified by NYS staff and seating markings.

4. CONSEQUENCES FOR CONDUCT VIOLATIONS: may include, but are not necessarily limited to:

- Written or verbal warnings;
- Suspension;
- Dismissal;
- Withdrawal of invitation to audition for the following season.

COVID-19 HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS

NYS reserves the right to send students and staff members home should they exhibit any of the Covid-19 symptoms listed in the [Social Responsibility Acknowledgement](#),

- Comply with these CDC safety guidelines: wear a mask at all times, wash your hands frequently, maintain social distancing,
- Take your temperature and self-evaluate any and all signs of illness in accordance with the Social Responsibility Agreement before coming to NYS in-person events. If you are feeling ill and/or exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms, stay home and notify the Sara Watkins. Please note that if you arrive to NYS in-person events with a temperature over 100.4 degrees, you will be sent home.
- If you have been exposed to COVID-19, quarantine for 10 days. NYS recommends getting a PCR test prior to returning to activities in case you are asymptomatic. If you are tested and waiting for results, do not attend NYS in-person events.
- **If you are diagnosed with COVID-19, stay home and contact Sara Watkins. Prior to returning to NYS activities, you must submit a negative test result to Sara Watkins.**
- If you have travelled outside of CT state, please refer to the [CT Travel Advisory](#), and follow guidelines for quarantine and testing as required by the state.
- At NYS in-person activities, students must be masked at all times. Students will be properly spaced from their fellow ensemble members, brass and woodwind players will be farther apart than strings. Activities will be limited to less than 2 hours in-person for strings, 30 minutes for indoor woodwind and brass, and 90 minutes for outdoor woodwind and brass rehearsals. Breaks are added in-between groups of students.
- Notify Sara Watkins if:
 - you are in quarantine due to travel or exposure
 - you or anyone in your household is awaiting COVID-19 test results
 - you have tested positive for COVID-19
 - **You should not come to any NYS in-person event under any of these circumstances. Thank you for your cooperation regarding this matter.**

DROP OFF & PICK UP PROCEDURES

- Each student group will have a specific drop-off and pick-up time. To expedite the check-in process, families must complete the [Social Responsibility Acknowledgments, Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Liability](#) prior to the first in-person rehearsal;
- Staggered rehearsal times will allow for quick check-in of each student without creating a long line of cars; Dismissal from rehearsals will be orderly, and staggered by section in order to allow for physical distancing to be maintained as musicians exit City Hall and to help in traffic control in the parking lot.
- To ensure the safety of our students, parents and visitors will not be permitted to enter City Hall unless they are volunteering.
- **Rehearsal times will be clearly stated in the Friday NYS newsletter. You may drop off your student no earlier than 10 minutes before rehearsal begins. Please be prompt picking up your student following their rehearsal. Students will be directed to their assigned rehearsal space upon arrival at City Hall.**

GENERAL SAFETY PROTOCOLS

- Any person entering an NYS program site will be required to wear a mask or approved face covering; masks/face coverings must remain in place at all times while at the program site.
- Everyone must maintain at least six feet of physical distance from all other persons.

SOCIAL INTERACTION

- NYS understands that social interaction is a natural and normal part of interaction between students. While we recognize such social interactions will occur in connection with NYS rehearsals and events, we will enforce responsible social interaction in which participants remain at least six feet apart at all times and where face masks are present at all times;
- NYS will undertake reasonable measures to manage social interaction between students, before and after rehearsals, performances and events, and during restroom use;
- When social interaction occurs in a manner that is inconsistent with this COVID-19 Event Safety Plan, NYS staff will provide reminders and ask the student to modify their behavior.

CLEANING, DISINFECTING, AND HYGIENE

- Hand sanitizer is available throughout City Hall;
- Students will only be able to access restroom facilities if necessary, and the number of students in the restroom will be monitored to ensure safe physical distancing;
- City Hall's Building Management Department has confirmed the proper filters and air circulation are in place according to CDC's guidelines.