



Edmonton String Players Association COVID Policy & Procedures 2020 – 2021 Season

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Like many organizations, the Music Enrichment Program has faced many challenges and changes due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In order to provide opportunities for young musicians to participate in string ensembles in-person, we are taking measures to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19.

Such measures include:

- **The mandatory use of face coverings until at least Dec 31, 2020.**
All persons, regardless of their role or duration of time on-site, must wear a face covering. This includes Conductors, Members, volunteers, families, persons dropping off/picking up Members, guest teachers, etc. Each person must supply their own face covering.
- **Mandatory hand sanitizing procedures upon entry to the rehearsal room for all persons entering it.**
- **Limiting the number of people at rehearsals.**
In the past, we were able to accommodate family members and visitors at rehearsals. We were also able to designate space in some of our locations for family members to remain on-site during rehearsals. While we are most grateful for family support at rehearsals and for engaging in the program, we also need to consider the possible implications of having a large number of people on-site. As such, we are strongly encouraging Members who are able to attend the rehearsal independently to do so. We understand that for younger Members, a parent may need to accompany them initially to help them become acquainted with Conductors, other Members, etc. and to feel comfortable. This is acceptable. Thereafter, if it is at all possible for Members to attend independently, please consider doing so.
- **Implementing sanitizing procedures including sanitizing music stands and other equipment prior to and after use.**
The Music Enrichment Program will provide hand sanitizer and cleaning supplies. (Ascension Church to provide cleaning for bathrooms, the entrance, common areas, etc.)
- **Implementing a mandatory Volunteer roster to support the implementation of the above procedures and policies.**
A parent/guardian/designate will be asked to sign up to help at each rehearsal to help the Conductor sanitize equipment and ensure the well-being of Members. A schedule will be created so that these responsibilities are shared by parents/guardians/designates of Members. The number of times that the parent/guardian/designate will be required to volunteer at rehearsals will depend on the size of the orchestra (the more Members, the fewer the volunteer shifts). A draft of duties (un-finalized) can be found on page two of this document.

Additional precautions may be implemented during the course of the season (e.g., temperature screens).

The Executive Board of the Edmonton String Players Association will closely monitor guidelines provided by Alberta Health Services and/or the Government of Alberta, and will promptly inform Ascension Church and our Membership of any changes to the above Policy & Procedures.