



# COVID-19 Safety Policy

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## **Purpose**

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Ensuring the health and safety of all of our members and guests is an important responsibility. As we continue to monitor the impacts of COVID-19 closely, we are following federal, state/provincial and municipal directives and recommendations.

We need to consider how best to decrease the spread of COVID-19 and lower the impact in our rehearsals and performances. This includes activities in one or more of the following areas:

- reduce transmission among instrumentalists,
- maintain healthy performance venues, and
- maintain a healthy rehearsal environment.

## **PREVENTION AND PRECAUTIONS WE HAVE TAKEN THUS FAR FOR MVB**

- Canceled rehearsals and performances for all groups until they can be conducted with mitigated risk.
- We encourage instrumentalists and guests at increased risk of severe illness to limit participation or not to participate until such time they decide it is acceptable.
- Implementing various levels of social distancing (6 feet) measures during rehearsals. This will be maintained until the state guidelines change.
- Restricted access to our rehearsals if the individual has traveled internationally in the past 14 days.
- Band members who have signs and symptoms per CDC – (fever, cough, or shortness of breath) should stay home.
- If a member is confirmed to have COVID-19 infection, we will inform fellow members of their possible exposure to COVID-19 if it can be communicated without breaking confidentiality as required by law.
- Clean equipment with disinfectants recommended for coronavirus.
- Encourage frequent and thorough handwashing, sanitizing, as well as coughing and sneezing etiquette.

## **BAND MEMBERS EDUCATION**

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use hand sanitizer with at least 70% alcohol if soap and water are not available. Always wash hands when they are visibly soiled.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Do not share water bottles.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow. Throw used tissues in the trash and immediately wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer containing at least 70% alcohol.
- Clean AND disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces such as music stands, chairs or percussion equipment.
- Avoid using or touching other band members instruments, music or personal items.
- Practice social distancing by avoiding large gatherings and maintaining distance (approximately 6 feet) from others when possible.
  
- Do not leave any trash, cups, bottles, masks, gloves, food wrappers, paper etc. at the rehearsal or performance space. Do NOT make someone else handle your stuff.
  
- Brass members bring a container or towel to handle the condensation that is required to be emptied from your instrument. Maintain it and Contain and remove it from the space.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

As the COVID-19 situation develops we will supply updated information and/or requirements to our members as required.

## **PRECAUTIONS WE ASK OF BAND MEMBERS**

- We require that any member comply with federal, provincial and municipal guidelines and postpone any plans to participate if within the last 14 days they have:
  - been diagnosed with COVID-19.
  - traveled internationally in the past 14 days.
  - been exposed to an individual diagnosed with COVID-19.
  - have had close contact with a person suspected of direct exposure to COVID-19.

**STAY STRONG. STAY SAFE. STAY HEALTHY**