



Ethos Youth Ensembles

COVID-19 PROCEDURES

Fall 2021 (REVISED 11-15-21)

Beginning 11-15-21, masks will become optional for students and staff of the Ethos Philharmonic, Wind Symphony, and Jazz Band. Masks remain required for Ethos Camerata and Ethos Music Academy students and staff until 1-1-22. See email to families on 11-15-21. Quarantine Protocols below remain in place for all Ethos students and staff. All revisions from our original policy are highlighted below.

INSTRUCTIONAL PROTOCOLS

- All Ethos classes will be offered via in-person instruction (with safety protocols outlined below). Distance instruction (synchronous, live instruction via zoom) is available only to students who are ill or are quarantined by your school or a local health entity. Distance instruction is a temporary option, not designed for long-term participation.
- Ethos students who take advantage of in-person instruction might be required to temporarily be placed on distance instruction if he/she is diagnosed with COVID-19, exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, or if he/she becomes quarantined through contact tracing protocols enacted by Murfreesboro City Schools, Rutherford County Schools, or other institutions.
- Zoom links for Distance Learning classes can be found under the “Distance Learning” tab of www.EthosMusic.net.

QUARANTINE PROTOCOLS

- Any student or staff who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 must isolate at home for a period of 10 days from the onset of their symptoms (or the date they were tested, if asymptomatic) AND must be fever-free (without the use of fever-reducing medications) AND have improvement in symptoms for at least 24 hours BEFORE they can return to in-person Ethos activities.

- If a student or staff is found to be positive for COVID-19 within one week of an Ethos event, the Ethos Executive Director will notify appropriate personnel at the institutions where that Ethos event took place.
- If a student or staff is found to be positive for COVID-19 within one week of an Ethos event, the Ethos Executive Director will notify any close contacts (any person who has been in close proximity – less than six feet – with an infected person) of possible exposure. Those close contacts should follow quarantine protocols established by your school and/or district and seek advice of local health authorities.
- Should staff or students become quarantined through contact tracing protocols enacted by Murfreesboro City Schools, Rutherford County Schools, or other institutions, they may not participate in in-person Ethos activities until that quarantine is lifted.

SAFETY PROTOCOLS

- All Ethos students and staff of the Ethos Camerata and Music Academy are required to wear masks when participating in Ethos activities. Ethos will provide Wind Instrument masks (those with double layers slots for flute head joints, mouthpieces, etc.) to Ethos students who play wind instruments.
- ~~Parents are required to wear masks when attending Ethos concerts.~~
- In an effort to limit persons in the room and to maximize social distancing, parents are not allowed in Ethos rehearsals. Parents may walk in with students and drop them off in the rehearsal room, but must then leave the building during rehearsal. Parents may also walk into the building to pick up their students within five minutes of dismissal. Parents must remain masked when inside the building of all Ethos rehearsals.
- Students will bring their own folders and instruments so no equipment has to be shared.
- Students and staff will remain socially-distanced at all times as feasible given rehearsal space size. All efforts will be made to socially distance by six feet but smaller amounts might be necessary.
- ~~Trombone players will have an extra three feet of space between themselves and the person in front of them (at least nine feet).~~
- ~~Bell coverings for wind instruments are required. Ethos will provide bell coverings for all wind instruments.~~
- Ethos will provide hand sanitizer to all students and staff.

CLEANING (for staff only)

- Ethos will disinfect all chairs, music stands, and other surfaces between classes. Ethos will provide Bioesque Disinfectant Solution and wipes, which provide a four-minute kill time.
- Ethos will similarly disinfect all door handles and other frequently-touched surfaces after each event and, as necessary, during events.

These protocols will be regularly evaluated and subject to change.