

Pittsford Music Department COVID Guidelines 2020

In our continuing effort to ensure that the health and safety of our students, staff, and community are amongst our greatest concerns, the following guidelines have been set for consistent rehearsal organization. The procedures address the safety guidelines set out by NYSED, CDC, and recommendations from professional organizations involved in music instruction.

We are committed to providing the highest quality musical education that we possibly can, within the various methodologies and practices we implement; however, providing instruction during these unprecedented times will look different. As we continue to learn more about how the coronavirus evolves, and as local and state conditions change, the Pittsford Music Department may need to adjust guidelines accordingly.

Vocal Ensemble Guidelines

- **Masking requirements** – Fabric masking, specifically a cloth or standard surgical mask is required of all individuals at all times.
- **Physical distancing** – Musicians must maintain 12 feet of physical distance from others when singing. Chairs or markings will be clearly marked for where students will stand/sit. All buildings have made appropriate accommodations for student to space ratio.
- **Materials/music** – All students will be provided with their own set of music. There will be no sharing of music or folders. **Hand sanitizer** will be available in each music classroom. Students are encouraged to sanitize before and after rehearsals.

Instrumental Ensemble Guidelines

- **Masking requirements** – Fabric masking, specifically a cloth or standard surgical mask is required of all individuals at all times.
 - Band – “Woodwind and brass players should perform with masks that have a slit, small hole, or flap for their mouthpiece, but the mask should always remain on and cover the nose.”
- **Physical distancing** – Percussionists and string players must maintain 6 feet physical distance from others. Wind and Brass players must maintain 12 feet physical distancing. All students must be facing the same direction. Chairs or markings will be clearly marked for where students will stand/sit. All buildings have made appropriate accommodations for student to space ratio.
- **Materials/music** – All students will be provided with their own set of music. There will be no sharing of music or folders. **Percussionists** must provide their own basic sticks/mallets (snare, mallet, timpani) and must wear gloves (teacher provided) while playing all percussion equipment. **Hand sanitizer** will be available in each music classroom. Students are encouraged to sanitize before and after rehearsals.
- **Additional requirements for wind and brass** players – All wind and brass players must have a cloth to cover the end of their instruments (one will be provided for you). **Brass players** will use an absorbent pad (teacher provided) in each rehearsal for emptying water keys. Students will be responsible for disposing of their pad at the end of each rehearsal.
- **Instruments** – There will be no sharing of band instruments. Students will practice good instrument hygiene as designated by instructors. Ensemble conductors will determine best practices for instrument cases when unpacking and packing. These procedures will be shared with students at the ensemble’s first few rehearsals.