

**Fall 2021 COVID Protocols for Rehearsal, Performance, and Teaching Activities**

<b>Orchestra</b>					
<b>Strings and percussion</b>	<b>Winds and brass</b>	<b>Maximum occupancy</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Room Rest</b>	<b>Masks</b>
No distancing required	3-foot distance	60 people	Normal class length permitted	-15 minutes between sessions -30 minutes between sessions if ensemble includes winds and brass	Required for strings, percussion, and unvaccinated participants

<b>Wind Ensemble</b>				
<b>Winds and brass</b>	<b>Maximum occupancy</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Room Rest</b>	<b>Masks</b>
3-foot distance	30 people	Normal class length permitted	30 minutes between sessions	Required for unvaccinated participants

<b>Chorus</b>				
<b>Singers</b>	<b>Maximum occupancy</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Room Rest</b>	<b>Masks</b>
6-foot distance	30 people	Up to 45 minutes without a break	15 minutes between sessions	Required

<b>Jazz Orchestra</b>					
<b>Rhythm section</b>	<b>Winds and brass</b>	<b>Maximum occupancy</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Room Rest</b>	<b>Masks</b>
No distancing required	3-foot distance	25 people	Normal class length permitted	30 minutes between sessions	Required for rhythm section and unvaccinated participants

<b>Opera/Voice</b>				
<b>Singers</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Room Rest</b>	<b>Testing</b>	<b>Masks</b>
6-foot distance	Normal class length permitted	15 minutes between sessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-2 tests per week required for all students regardless of vaccination status through September 30</li> <li>-1 test per week strongly encouraged for all faculty regardless of vaccination status through September 30</li> <li>-NEC will evaluate testing schedules to be in place after September 30 and update this protocol accordingly</li> </ul>	Required for unvaccinated participants, accompanists, faculty, and staff

Chamber Music				
Strings, piano, percussion	Winds and brass	Time	Room Rest	Masks
No distancing required	3-foot distance	Normal class length permitted	-15 minutes between sessions -30 minutes between sessions if ensemble include winds and brass	Required for strings, piano, percussion, and unvaccinated participants

Jazz and CI Ensembles					
Rhythm section	Winds/brass, voice	Time	Room Rest	Testing	Masks
No distancing required	3-foot distance	Normal class length permitted	-15 minutes between sessions -30 minutes between sessions if ensemble include winds, brass, or voice	-2 tests per week required for all singers regardless of vaccination status through September 30 -1 test per week strongly encouraged for all voice-related faculty regardless of vaccination status through September 30 -NEC will evaluate testing schedules to be in place after September 30 and update this protocol accordingly	Required for strings, piano, percussion, and unvaccinated participants

Performance-Based Classes				
Strings, piano, percussion	Winds, brass, voice	Time	Room Rest	Masks
No distancing required	3-foot distance	Normal class length permitted	-15 minutes between sessions -30 minutes between sessions for winds if class includes winds, brass, or voice	Required for strings, piano, percussion and unvaccinated participants

<b>Non-Performance Classes</b>			
<b>Distancing</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Room Rest</b>	<b>Masks</b>
Maintain as much distance as the space allows	Normal class length permitted	Not required	Required

<b>Music Literacy and Musicianship Classes</b>			
<b>Distancing</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Room Rest</b>	<b>Masks</b>
Maintain as much distance as the space allows	Normal class length permitted	15 minutes between classes	Required

<b>Studio Lessons</b>				
<b>Strings, piano, percussion</b>	<b>Winds, brass, voice</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Room Rest</b>	<b>Masks</b>
Not required	6-foot distance	No more than 60 minutes for winds, brass, and voice	Not required	Required for, strings, piano, unvaccinated participants, and teachers and accompanists

<b>Individual Practice</b>				
<b>Strings, piano, percussion</b>	<b>Winds, brass, voice</b>	<b>Distancing</b>	<b>Room Rest</b>	<b>Masks</b>
Up to 2 hours	Up to 90 minutes	Maintain as much distance as the space allows	-15 minutes between practice sessions -30 minutes for interior rooms	Required for strings, piano, percussion and unvaccinated participants