

GMYS Covid-19 Reopening Protocols

- GMYS will reopen with in-person programming in January 2022 with a strings-only instrumentation. We hope to field two string orchestras, but this will depend on the turnout for auditions.
- All participants (staff and musicians) must be fully vaccinated. Proof of vaccination will be provided during the registration / audition process. If a student hasn't completed their vaccination before the virtual audition, proof of vaccination must be provided to the Executive Director before the student can attend in-person events.
- Only GMYS staff and musicians will be permitted in the rehearsal location. {If family members need to meet with the Executive Director, they can come to you outside.}
- Masks will be required at all times during in-person events and must be worn properly per CDC and VT Health Department guidelines. Students and staff are responsible for bringing their own masks.
- Hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes will be available during events.
- All participants will be seated at least 3 feet apart and will be required to maintain that spacing. Everyone will need to bring their own music stand and music!
- No food will be allowed in event spaces. Water is ok, but must be in a container that allows you to drink while remaining masked (straws work well).
- If your student is experiencing even mild symptoms of any illness, please DO NOT attend.

As always, attendance will be taken at rehearsals / events. If GMYS learns of a potential COVID exposure during a GMYS event, everyone who attended that day will be notified (likely by email) to allow families to take any action they deem appropriate. GMYS will also cooperate fully with the Vermont Department of Health regarding contact tracing and / or cancelling events if necessary. Our safety protocols, including maintaining the minimum of 3-foot spacing will help minimize the possibility of close contacts, but no precautions can prevent every possible exposure.

Concert audience members will need to provide proof of vaccination or proof of a negative test from within 72 hours of the event. We do not plan to publicize the concert beyond GMYS family and friends this semester.

Facts about our rehearsal space:

Capital City Grange Hall, 6612 Vt. Rt 12, Berlin <http://capitalcitygrange.org/>

- We'll be rehearsing in the upstairs (main hall) space where there is plenty of room for us to spread out with at least 3 feet of space between all participants.
- CCG is in the process of installing 8 Corsi-Rosenthal boxes (4 in the space we're using) to filter the space. From the CCG newsletter: *These boxes will recirculate heated room air through MERV-13 filters that can remove up to 85% of particles .3 to 1 micron in size. Virus particles vary in size, but are typically .3 to .5 micron. We are working on building 2 sets of 4 "Corsi-Rosenthal Boxes", one set each for upstairs and downstairs. You can read about them here: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Corsi-Rosenthal_Box.*
- No food or drink is allowed (water is ok).
- We will use the restroom on our floor.
- On some Saturdays, there may be another group renting the downstairs space. We don't expect there will be any reason for the groups to mix in the building.