



seattle youth symphony orchestra

Update to SYSO COVID Protocols: Final as of 9.07.2022

SYSO's guidelines for summer programs will be informed by King County's public health guidelines for school, camps, and childcare providers:

<https://doh.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2022-03/821-165-K12SchoolsChildCare.pdf>

Vaccine

Staff, faculty, and program participants are required to provide proof of vaccination against COVID-19. Any questions about this requirement can be directed to Interim Executive Director Marcia Isenberger at marcia.isenberger@syso.org.

Masks

Correct use of well-fitting masks or face coverings protects the wearer as well as others, thereby helping to prevent transmission of COVID-19. Masks are no longer required universally in schools or childcare provider settings, therefore **SYSO will also make wearing masks optional**. Students, faculty, and staff will have the choice to wear a mask at SYSO programs with the expectation that others' choices will be respected.

There may be situations when the use of well-fitting masks may be temporarily required for individuals by Department of Health and/or local public health officials, such as for days 6-10 after returning from a 5-day isolation for COVID, or if there is an outbreak at a SYSO program. **SYSO reserves the right to update masking policies due to changes in the state and local public health mandates.**

Venues

SYSO will adhere to all guidelines of the performing arts venue. If the venue does not have guidelines related to COVID, then SYSO will follow the guidelines established for the rest of the program, meaning that masks will be optional for both performers and audience. COVID vaccine proof will not be required for audience members.