



New England Music Festival Association

COVID-19 Protocols and Waiver – 1/23/2022

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and federal and state health agencies recommend physical distancing and during the pandemic have placed restrictions on the congregation of groups and people.

The New England Music Festival Association (NEMFA) observes the preventative measures that meet the guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and International Performing Arts Aerosol Study to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

By registering for this event, I/we acknowledge the mitigating measures listed below will be in place and by attending I agree to abide by following all protocols established by the New England Music Festival Association:

- *Students will maintain a social distance of at least three feet wherever possible during any rehearsals, performances, meals, and other events organized by NEMFA.*
- *Students and adults will wear masks at all times while indoors including daily rehearsals, on the bus, and the culminating performance on March 19, 2022.*
- *In rehearsals and at the final concert musicians performing on wind instruments will wear instrument-specific face masks and any required bell covers while rehearsing and performing. String, percussion, and vocalists will wear a N95 or equivalent mask. It is the responsibility of the student to acquire the instrument specific PPE for this event. Students are encouraged to purchase the equipment well in advance of the festival due to PPE shortages.*
- *All students, sponsors, directors, and guest conductors require a negative Covid test within 72 hours with verifiable results.*
- *All participants must do a daily symptom check and report any change in status to their school teacher/sponsor or NEMFA representative should they begin to experience any symptoms associated with COVID-19.*
- *Masks are required for all audience members at the final concert.*

By registering for/attending this event, I acknowledge that I fully understand the nature and extent of the risks presented by COVID-19 due to my in-person attendance at this event, including the risk that Covid-19 may lead to severe illness or death. I also understand and acknowledge that there are risks of exposure to COVID-19, whether resulting from travel through high risk areas, the failure of other individuals to follow proper COVID-19 protocols, such as maintaining proper social distancing and proper hygiene measures, and other such risks. While I understand that NEMFA has taken reasonable steps to address the risks presented by COVID-19, I recognize that the COVID-19 protocols being utilized at the event may be insufficient to prevent my contracting COVID-19 and suffering any related injuries, and that I expressly nevertheless assume all of these risks.

With full knowledge of the risks involved, therefore, I hereby release, waive, and discharge NEMFA, its officers, directors, employees, contractors, and agents, from any and all liability, loss, damage, claims, demands, actions, and causes of action whatsoever, including reasonable attorneys' fees, directly or indirectly arising out of or related to any loss, damage, injury, or death, that may be sustained by me while participating in this event or while in, on, or around the event premises that may lead to exposure or harm due to COVID-19.

Student Name (printed): _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (printed): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____