

April 7, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardian/Music Campers,

First and foremost, we hope that you and your loved ones are safe and healthy. We have received questions from parents about if and how COVID-19 will affect Elizabethtown College Music Camp. We know this pandemic has been stressful to many and recognize that socializing and interacting with peers in a musical environment can be a healthy way for children to cope with stress and connect with others, particularly after spending quite a bit of time at home. After careful thought and planning, we are excited to let you know that we plan to resume camp while following CDC considerations to protect campers, families, and our community.

The health and safety of our campers and staff remain our highest priority. Below, you will find a summary of actions we are taking to help ensure we are lowering COVID-19 risk as much as possible. Our plans will be re-evaluated regularly based on local, state, and national guidance. At this time we are taking the following actions:

- COVID-19 Testing Requirement: Campers have two options for providing a negative test result at registration.
  - Bring proof of a negative COVID-19 test result taken within 72 hours of camp check-in
  - Campers will be able to take a rapid test at Elizabethtown College upon camp check-in. Parent/guardians must remain with the student until results are available (around 15 minutes).
- Temperature checks will be conducted on all campers prior to leaving the dorm in the morning before breakfast.
- Reducing total enrollment and focusing on smaller chamber groups, limiting large group activities. Rehearsal and performance will have lower capacities to allow for proper distancing between musicians and staff.
- Elizabethtown College will ensure that the cafeteria is at the designated capacity at time of camp to allow for social distancing and thorough cleaning between groups/meals.
- Limiting the number of items that are shared or touched between campers and staff. Campers should bring their own instrument. If borrowing a college instrument is necessary, a student will be assigned a clean instrument for the duration of the week.
- Promoting healthy hygiene practices. Hand sanitizer will be in each practice and performance area in addition to regular bathroom facilities. Counselors will be prepared with disinfecting wipes for chairs, music stands, shared percussion mallets, etc. Signs are posted around campus to remind campers of proper hygiene.
- Requesting that staff and campers wear a cloth face covering indoors as feasible, and in times when physical distancing is difficult outdoors. Singers must wear masks in indoor rehearsals. **Instrumentalists should bring the appropriate bell cover for their instrument.** Bell covers can

be purchased from your local school music dealer or online retailer. As conditions and regulations progress, this requirement could change.

- Intensifying cleaning and disinfection practices within our facilities and premises.
- If a child does get sick at camp, we have identified an area where they can rest, be watched after, and safely isolate from others. We will communicate with parents or caretakers directly and, if necessary, arrange for the child to be taken to a healthcare facility for care.
- At this time, due to CDC guidelines and the health and safety of our campers, our facilities will not be open to parents/guardians/guests for performances. Performances will be live streamed.

We ask that you help us protect the health of campers this summer. Anyone who is sick or was sick with COVID-19 or recently in contact with someone with COVID-19 in the 14 days prior to camp— including staff, campers, and families— should not come to camp. Be on the lookout for symptoms of COVID-19, which include fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, and loss of taste or smell. Call your doctor if you think you or a family member is sick.

If you have a specific question about this plan or COVID-19, please contact Mr. Grant Moore, Camp Director ([mooreg@etown.edu](mailto:mooreg@etown.edu)) for more information. You can also find more information about COVID-19 at [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus) or on [CDC's website for youth and summer camps \(https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/summer-camps.html\)](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/summer-camps.html).

We look forward to seeing you.

Thank you and stay healthy,

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