



Toronto Concert Band – COVID Safety Plan (2022 – 2023)

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Overview – Assessment of Risk & General Considerations

This document details TCB's COVID protocols

- Rehearsals will be held in Toronto where there are active COVID-19 cases, additionally it is recognized that playing of wind instruments is a relatively high-risk activity due to aerosol particles
- Throughout this document “Participant” refers to Musicians, Musical Directors, and Volunteers
- If a participant fails to comply with any of the requirements described in this document, it will be grounds for corrective action up to and including termination of membership
- These protocols will need to be reviewed and updated before TCB is ready to safely host a concert or performance
- All individuals attending rehearsals are strongly encouraged to be fully vaccinated (Musicians, Musical Directors, and Volunteers)

Facility Requirements

- When the facility is large enough, the physical set-up will accommodate 2 metres of spacing between participants (3 metres for trombone players). Otherwise, member spacing will be maximized within the available space in the facility.
- The improvement of air quality/exchange (within physical and budgetary constraints), up to ideal conditions, shall be an ongoing endeavour of band leadership
- The air quality/exchange will inform the decision on how long rehearsals will run.
- Participants may be required to leave the facility during a break to maintain adequate air quality.

Rehearsal Expectations

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- A volunteer or TCB representative will be charged with setting up the space prior to rehearsal, to ensure that chairs are spaced as far apart as possible (up to 2 metres apart, up to 3 metres apart for trombones and the conductor).

Participant(s)

- Participants must not attend rehearsal if they are ill. Participant may complete the Ontario self-screen questionnaire prior to rehearsal <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/screening/customer/> if looking for further direction.
- Participants are welcome to wear masks and must not be disparaging of other members choosing to wear masks.
- Hand-sanitizer and disinfectant wipes will be available for participants to use (including for purposes of wiping down seats)
- Participants should monitor their health during rehearsal, and if they feel ill, they must leave
- Brass and wind instrument players are welcome to use bell covers, and must not be disparaging of other members choosing to use bell covers.
- Participants will not drain instruments directly onto the floor.
- Participants will provide suitable absorbent material for collection of saliva where required. They must also provide a suitable container (e.g. plastic baggie) for the storage of the soiled material.
- Participants will, when possible, maintain a distance of two metres when not seated.
- Participants shall refrain from cleaning their instruments while attending rehearsal. (This activity should be done at home).

After Rehearsal

- If a participant determines that they were infected by COVID-19 and attended rehearsal while contagious, they should communicate relevant information to covid@torontoconcertband.com. The participant must follow local Public Health Unit instructions prior to returning to rehearsal.
- TCB will defer to the local Public Health Unit instructions for next steps, including potential impacts to holding upcoming in-person rehearsals.
- Medical confidentiality will be maintained as much as possible throughout this process, however TCB reserves the right to inform the affected members of a possible exposure/illness. All necessary steps will be taken to safeguard the identity, privacy and medical information of the affected participant(s).