

## **All-State Band and Orchestra and Honor Choir rehearsal and performance COVID guidelines:**

UMEA has had several questions concerning the new Mask Mandate issued by the Salt Lake County Health Department and how it will affect the upcoming Instrumental All-State and Honor Choirs. Even though not all of these events take place in Salt Lake County, these guidelines are expected of **all** groups in **all** locations. After gathering information from Abravanel Hall, Salt Lake County, and rehearsal venues, the following bullet points should help us all to move forward with these events.

All-State Philharmonic Orchestra rehearsals at Jordan HS  
All-State Symphonic Orchestra rehearsals at Brighton HS  
Jr. High All-State orchestra rehearsals at Orem Jr. High

All-State Wind Symphony rehearsals at Skyridge HS  
All-State Symphonic Band rehearsals at Mountain View HS  
Jr. High All-State band rehearsals at Lakeridge Jr.

HS Honor Choirs rehearsals at Murray HS/Hillcrest Jr. High  
Jr. High State Honor Choir rehearsals at Lakeridge Jr. High

### **Rehearsal guidelines at all venues (including at Abravanel Hall):**

1. If a student is ill or has symptoms, they should stay home and not participate. If a student becomes ill or has symptoms during rehearsal, they will be asked to leave and parents/director will be notified.
2. Students and all adults need to follow the mask mandate and wear masks while at the rehearsal and performance venues; coming, during and leaving.
3. Students CAN take the mask off in order to play or sing during rehearsals. They SHOULD put their mask back on if they are not playing or singing for a period of time, for instance, if the conductor is working with a particular group or section for a few minutes. Percussionists and string players should still wear a mask at all times during the rehearsal.
4. If a student has a mask that allows them to play while wearing a mask (ie: with a slit), they are welcome to wear it.
5. Please consider other things you can do to help students stay safe, ie: distancing where possible, etc.

### **Performance guidelines at Abravanel Hall:**

1. If a student is ill or has symptoms, they should stay home and not participate. The student should notify the all-state group manager and/or your school director.
2. All audience members are required to wear a mask at all times in the venue; coming, during, and leaving. There will not be purposeful social distancing in the venue; patrons will choose their own seats.
3. Student performers will wear a mask when they are NOT on stage. Those students who CAN play while wearing a mask (ie: percussionist, strings) may choose to wear a mask during the performance, but it is not required.

These are optional events. People who do NOT follow these guidelines will not be allowed to participate or attend.