

Cadets Arts & Entertainment COVID-19 Protocol for 2022 Season

Legend

Green – Management focus and mitigation

Blue – DCI Specific

Depending on what is going on with the pandemic, these protocols may change.

Statement on Vaccinations & Booster Shots

All Participants must be fully vaccinated prior to arrival at their first in person event. Any of the vaccines currently available are acceptable whether 1 dose or 2.

If a Booster shot is available based on the CDC guidelines you should get your booster shot.

A COVID-19 vaccination record card that you received when vaccinated will be required to verify vaccination.

Testing Protocol

If you are not vaccinated prior to each in person camp all participants will be required to submit a verified negative PCR COVID-19 virus test administered within 72 hours prior to arrival at any in-person event.

Personal interaction guidelines and pre-arrival protocols

The following guidelines are intended to help each participant take the steps necessary to minimize risk of virus exposure prior to arrival, and while with The Cadets.

Step 1: Pre-travel testing (2-3 days before leaving, only if not vaccinated)

- Get a PCR COVID-19 test and have the results at least 72 hours prior to arrival.
- If your results are positive, immediately self-quarantine and reach out to The Cadets to let us know. If this happens, you will not be able to participate until all pre-arrival requirements are met including a 10-day self-sequestration and a negative PCR COVID-19 test within 72 hours prior to arrival.

Step 2: Travel to Corps

- If your results are negative, travel following CDC guidance, wearing a widely available disposable surgical mask or a cloth mask with at least two layers, as well as (optional) eye protection at all times when indoors with crowds and on planes, trains, buses or other enclosed vehicles.
- Regularly clean your hands with a 70% alcohol-based hand sanitizer, sanitizing wipes, or soap and water (soap and water is best, if available). Use antibacterial wipes on your seat, tray table, armrest, and other areas around you during your travel.

Step 3: With Corps

- All non-vaccinated participants will be tested upon arrival to any in person event.
- Do not share objects that are passed back and forth, like brass instruments, guard equipment, drumsticks, etc. If anything does have to be shared, make sure those items are regularly cleaned and disinfected.
- Wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds before and after preparing, serving, and eating food.
- If you develop any COVID-19 symptoms or are notified that you were in close contact with someone who tested positive, immediately tell the appropriate Cadets staff.

General guidelines for The Cadets relative to in-person interaction

The following general guidelines are intended to assist The Cadets in making sure that all participants have the information, equipment and support they need to minimize risk of virus exposure.

- Limit all interaction with personnel outside the corps "bubble." Encourage mail and care packages. No in-person visits by family or friends.

Housing

Schools

- Larger spaces will be utilized for rehearsal and sleeping facilities in order to facilitate social distancing.
- Sleeping - all beds will be set up 6 feet apart and every other person sleeping opposite (head to foot sleeping)

Hotels

- If 4 people per room are necessary, there should be one person in each bed, and two people on the floor (social distanced)
- No access to common spaces in the hotel including lobbies, lounges or vending areas

Laundry

- During spring training, use provided laundry facilities in the dorms.
- Tour Laundry will be scheduled as part of the tour.

Tour

- Tentative, all participants are required to wear masks when at shows
- Rest stops are for using the restroom and vehicle fueling, buy stops will be allowed but masks will be required.
- Box-store stops (Walmart, Target, etc) will resume but masks will be required.

Rehearsal

- Implement daily protocols for cleaning and sanitizing equipment
- No sharing of equipment.
- All rehearsals will be closed.

Food Safety: Management Consideration

It is recognized that while the tour will be reduced in length the corps will need to replenish our food supply as we maintain our food program for our participants.

Food Purchasing

- National Food Distributors - Bulk food ordering through US Foods will be the method of food acquisition. This will remain as one of the safest ways to acquire food throughout the tour, with standards and protocols required to be upheld not only within national requirements, but local jurisdictions that the company may be operating within upon delivery.
- Daily Purchases – While the bulk of the food supply will be accommodated by large distribution companies, it is recognized that daily purchases to maintain stock on fresh vegetables, milk, et al. will still be required.
 - Consider who is making the run for food/supplies. This responsibility will be limited to 1 individual as one of their designated duties, rather than a different person every day in order to limit the number of people exposed to the public.
 - The Cadets will seek grocers that offer pre-ordering online or from an app with pickup options would be preferred.
 - If entering a public establishment is necessary to make purchases, protocols will be in place for those participants including wearing a mask, using gloves, hand washing/sanitizing after shopping, even if these corps mandated procedures exceed the requirements of the locality the corps is currently in.

Food Storage

- Medication/medical – Similar to those who have accommodated storage of medical supplies (such as insulin), there may be a need for additional supply storage.
- There will be a dedicated location on the food truck for such items
- Only the Medical team will be allowed access to the food truck to secure these supplies, both for security of these items, as well as limited exposure to the food supply and workforce.
- Special diets – It is as imperative as ever to follow proper food handling and storage of food items for individuals with special diets and food allergies.
- Separation of these food items will be maintained to avoid cross contamination.
- Use of dedicated utensils, pots, and cutting boards all the times for certain items like peanut butter.
- Gluten free/lactose intolerant/etc. meals will be prepared and handled separately.

Nutrition/Food Selection

The present threat of COVID-19 means that it is as important as ever to plan menus that are nutritionally sound.

- The Cadets will incorporate diets that maintain the immune system and energy levels. This includes meeting minimal nutritional needs--calories, carbohydrates, protein, and essential fats, with key specific micronutrients so that the immune system is not compromised, and maintaining those standards over the course of the entire season.

Food Preparation guidelines/recommendations

Clearly the manner in which foods are prepared is critical to maintaining a healthy nutritional program to avoid a variety of issues that include prevention of viral spread in a pandemic.

- Cleaning & Disinfection – Overall, there will be a heightened awareness of cleaning surfaces and cooking equipment.
 - At a minimum, adhere to basic food handling guidelines, such as Servsafe.
 - Hand washing, Hand washing, Hand washing
- Food Preparation
 - Again, basic food handling guidelines should be adhered to at a minimum.
 - Checking cooked and holding/reheating food temperatures is as important as ever. Food temperature taken with bimetallic stemmed thermometer in 3 spots and temperature dishwashing and handwashing water with ecolab strips.
 - Disposal of trash involves risks that can be assuaged by wearing gloves and having designated individuals taking care of disposal.
 - Gloves are required.
 - Limit the touching of cell phones, jewelry, face, etc. during meal preparation.
 - Posting instructions and guidelines with ServSafe.

Management of meal distribution

Distributing meals to the participants of The Cadets will be a critical component to operating a safer and more protected environment. There are many “touch points” that offer potential for spreading contamination that should be addressed.

- Food Serving to participants – In all cases, the distribution of food and food items will involve standard protocols that include proper hand washing just prior to serving, wearing a clean glove, and performed by an individual that has been instructed on how to properly do so.
 - Self Serve meals will require to be served with a gloved hand.
 - Hand washing prior to meals – This will be required as part of all pre-meal routines with proper hand washing techniques.
 - Science states that warm water of 100 degrees for 20 seconds is preferred for optimal results, so warm water is preferential over cold.
 - Hand sanitizer (70% alcohol) amount is recommended in addition to, not in lieu of hand washing.
 - Water Jugs & Sanitation – Students and staff will need to sanitize their large water jugs regularly over the course of the tour.
 - Group washing stations will not be possible.
 - Individual washing of jugs will be handled by prescribing a system of a pre-packed individual Dawn dish soap bottle, sponge, and straw brush for each member to be brought on tour. Daily jug washing will, then, be managed on the member’s own schedule.

Performance (Pending DCI Requirements)

Key Considerations:

- Add more time for logistics
- Limit interaction to performers and staff only.

Potential flow of performance sequence:

1. Unload - logistics considerations
2. Warm-up - maintaining same guidelines for rehearsal, adequate space for warm up
3. Transit to field - physical distancing guidelines apply
4. Pre-show hype - no huddles, maintain physical distancing
5. Setup
6. Performance - masks required for performance
7. Exit
8. Post-show - no huddles, maintain distancing guidelines
9. Load - logistics considerations
10. Post-show meal - follow food safety guidelines, consider limitations

Overall, we will need to minimize the interaction between the corps and the public (non-touring family included) as well as between corps. Some areas of special attention:

Public Awareness & Access

Fans/Family/Friends will not be invited to any "backstage" area of an event, including lots, warm-ups or corps entry/exit gates/tunnels. As well, each corps will educate all touring participants within their organization on the importance of the safety-through-separation messaging.

Tour Admin Team and the Safety Manager will ensure that all safety measures are followed at all performances

Identification/Credentials

In order for DCI staff, show operators and other drum corps to easily identify corps staff that is permitted to have close contact with members, it is suggested that a special colored, limited distribution field pass be created to help limit the number of people on the field and entering into restricted corps space. This would change for each venue and can be distributed upon arrival to the venue.

Show Sheet times

With the exception of rain plans or very limited venues, the corps have requested that only the corps pre-set & step-off times. With the need to control all areas from cross-traffic issues, it is recommended that additional times, such as corps warm-up, prop storage and other venue-specific times be added back and followed.

Corps Parking

When the corps arrives at an event venue, they will be directed to a specific "zone" that will remain specific to that corps for the duration of the venue stay. The corps will establish a waist-high perimeter around our zone. Admin will police our area for party-crashers (non-same organization participants/uninvited guests) into our zone.

Props/Equipment Storage

A time for each corps to push up equipment to storage areas will be established and published

on the show sheet. Assembly of props will need to occur in the corps zone and all equipment should be pushed up at the same time (props, sound, podium) if it is necessary to have it arrive prior to the corps gate time. It is recommended that each corps provides a monitor to stay with the equipment.

Post production, there will be two zones, removed from the exit gate and separated where possible, for corps to drop equipment for a breather, water and circle-up. Corps will need to provide their own water (no water table provided) and should be ready to vacate the zone within 20 minutes to move back to their lot zone.

Warm-Up

Warm-up zones will be established, which depending upon space, may mean that load-in/out times have to be established. If this is so, then times and areas will be published on the show sheets.

As we do not wish for public interaction in these areas, a barrier will be setup to keep participants and public separate. Corps staffing will need to police their areas. Our "rock star" members should be trained to not encourage interaction with public, family or friends.

Restrooms

There will be separate restroom areas for the corps. There will not be an in-stadium or indoor facility provided. There will be NO changing areas available at any venue

Gates

We will design our entry/exit from the field to all follow the same flow (enter gate A, exit gate B) to limit corps crossing as much as possible. In venues where there is only one entry/exit, an alternative will be created (an example could include a longer interval to "park" the exiting corps along the endzone to allow the entering corps to pass). ONLY specific field credentials will be allowed field access. It may be important to have show-specific, or event corps-specific credential distributed depending upon the threat at the time. It also will be important for all field access personnel to utilize proper PPE.

Corps Viewing, Sound and Video: Staff Consideration

A corral will be established on the field for all non-corps, field-credentialed personnel. There will be no leaving from the field to the stands to eliminate crossing into public areas. There will be another two high areas away from public access for personnel needing that viewpoint. Each event will list capacity limitations on the show sheet and personnel should not arrive to those areas until the corps prior has already begun their production, and vacate immediately after their corps has completed theirs.

Food Trucks/Meals

We will have meals ready for service immediately following our field production in order that the corps may load and leave as soon as possible. If a corps is returning to housing/hotel after a performance, having a meal prepared in that more controlled setting is preferable when possible.

Participants will not return to the stadium or visit other corps zones.

Definition of "Close Contact": Management Consideration

A close contact is considered to be an individual who was within six feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period starting from two days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to test specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated.

Contact Tracing

If any participant tests positive at any point during the season, The Cadets will contact the local health department in the specific location of the positive test to discuss contact tracing and other public health measures or requirements.

To assist the local health department in the contact tracing process, The Cadets will be prepared to provide the following information:

- Name & contact information of any person that might have come into contact with the individual who tested positive. A contact is someone who was within six feet of an infected individual for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.
- Vehicle seat assignments that indicate who might have been travelling near the individual who tested positive.
- Housing/sleeping information that indicates who may have been sleeping near the individual who tested positive, including who might have shared a hotel room with that person (when applicable).
- Scheduling information that indicates who might have been rehearsing or working in the direct vicinity of the person that tested positive.

Protocols for participants that test positive to COVID-19 or with symptoms of COVID-19

- If a participant is ill but symptoms are NOT suggestive of COVID-19, and they have not been in close contact with an individual with known COVID-19, they will be managed by the corps medical team as per established procedure.
- Management of participants symptomatic for COVID-19:
 - If a participant is ill and symptoms ARE suggestive of COVID-19 (based on symptoms as currently defined by the CDC), they must be evaluated at a hospital emergency department (ED), urgent care (UC) clinic, or a telehealth (TH) provider associated with a local COVID-19 testing center. Transportation of the individual to the evaluation must be provided in a manner that provides the least possible exposure to those in the same vehicle

FOR THOSE WITH NEGATIVE COVID-19 TEST RESULTS BUT WITH COVID-19 SYMPTOMS:

- The individual must maintain quarantine until they:

- Are no longer symptomatic
- Have had a minimum of two negative COVID-19 tests with the second one being performed a minimum of 5 days after exposure or onset of symptoms
- Be evaluated by a medical provider at a local ED, UC or TH who can provide medical clearance for a return to participation.

FOR THOSE WITH POSITIVE COVID-19 TEST RESULTS:

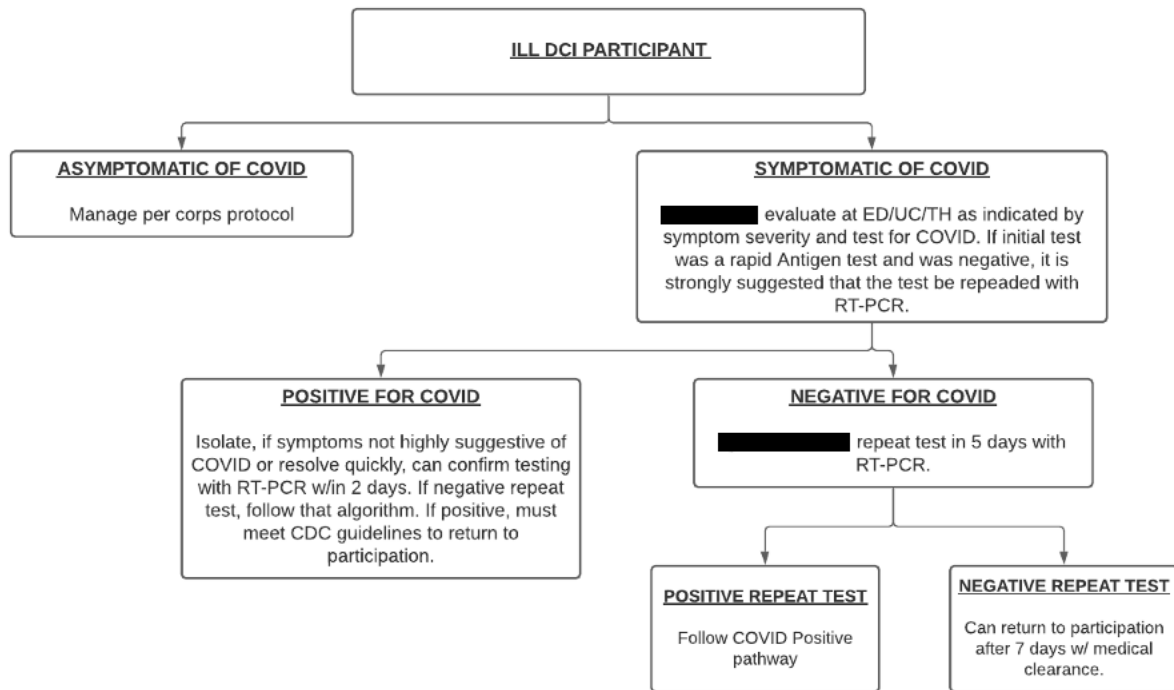
If a participant is symptomatic of COVID-19 or has been in "close contact," and receives a positive COVID-19 test result, no additional testing will be done.

If a participant is asymptomatic or was not in "close contact" and has a positive result, the test can be repeated within 2 days with another viral test (RT-PCR or antigen) to rule out a false positive. If the second test is positive, the participant is considered to have a positive test. If the second test is negative (with no symptoms), then the participant is considered negative.

- Participants who test positive for COVID-19 (with repeat testing, if done) must end their current participation in the corps. Allocation of cost for housing and responsibility for observation and meals in the quarantine location will be the responsibility of the participant (or family in the event of a minor) beyond 72 hours.
- If a participant tests positive for COVID-19, they must be quarantined at a predetermined designated quarantine site and managed by personnel from The Cadets who are provided with all the appropriate PPE needed to care for that COVID-19 positive individual.
- Symptomatic COVID-19 positive participants will be evaluated by a TH provider at least once (or more often as indicated) during their quarantine. The Cadets medical team member providing care for that participant during quarantine should be present on that TH call via computer.
- Quarantine care will include 4 hour checks while awake with the affected participant which will be done virtually between the hours of 9 AM and 9 PM. More frequent visits will be determined based on the severity of the symptoms.
- The participant must do a CDC Coronavirus "self-checker" once daily and report that result as well as temperature and pulse oximetry to The Cadets medical team member responsible for monitoring the quarantined participant.
- Meals, etc. will be delivered to the door in a safe manner which does not expose the person providing delivery.
- If there is concern for that individual's safety, because the individual is reporting trouble breathing, chest pain or pressure, confusion, loss of consciousness, bluish hue to the lips or face, blood oxygen level less than 94% or any other concerning symptoms as defined by the CDC, that individual must be taken to the nearest hospital for further evaluation and management.
- In the event the COVID-19 positive patient is a minor, the corps will involve the parent or guardian in all decisions regarding care. A TH visit with a healthcare provider will happen within 24 hours of a positive test result, or sooner as symptoms indicate. The designated care provider from The Cadets will provide parents with a minimum of 2 daily updates.
- Depending on the time of the season and pending full recovery from COVID-19, a reentry evaluation can be had to rejoin the Corps for the remaining part of the season. A negative COVID-19 PCR test will be required.

These recommendations are based on the following assumptions:

- Every participant has active health insurance which allows the participant access to care in the locations in which The Cadets are traveling for the entire duration of their participation. It is strongly recommended that every participant must have a designated primary care provider and access to telemedicine within their insurance network.
- Member contracts will state that The Cadets will not be responsible for care beyond 72 hours if the participant becomes COVID-19 positive.
- All participants must come to any in-person event with a thermometer and pulse oximeter and utilize these devices daily.



Mitigation Strategies

The Cadets will be creating a bubble to help keep our members, staff and volunteers safe during all in person events including camps, spring training and tour.

Definition of "Bubble" (will not be implemented unless COVID mitigation is necessary)

An isolation bubble ("bubble" hereafter) is an environment established and maintained to provide protection from viral infections such as COVID-19. The bubble creates an infection free set of conditions designed to protect a defined population during a specific timeframe while engaged in a set of recognized activities.

The bubble is established and enforced through a set of protocols and rules that define behaviors, physical environment, processes, and logistics. Maintaining the integrity of the bubble is crucial to maintaining the health of the members of the bubble population, and therefore the ability of the members to participate for the duration of the activities.

The bubble is complex and requires a disciplined, reliable, and consistent commitment by the individuals of the organization. Compliance and enforcement of bubble protocols and rules require diligence and monitoring coupled with unwavering willingness of bubble members to fully participate. Also critical to bubble success is an understanding and support by family, friends, fans and associates of the rationale underlying the bubble.

Participant Tier System:

This tier structure allows The Cadets to insulate, to the extent possible, the drum corps members and staff that work with them closest, all of whom will have been tested and isolated together, from potential infection from outside persons that may introduce the coronavirus to the group.

Tier 1 Participants will be identified with a badge or other indicia that is clearly identifiable from a distance, so that other Tier 1 Participants know whom they can safely work with and so that Non-Tier 1 persons will know who to keep their distance from.

All Tier 1 Participants will be required to stay with the corps once they arrive. If a Tier 1 person leaves the corps "bubble", they will not return to the corps without following the pre-arrival protocols including 10 days of self-sequestration and a negative PCR COVID-19 test 72 hours prior to arrival.

Tier 1: Corps-facing participants

- Admin Team that works closely with Tier 1 Participants
- Members
- Instructional Staff that works closely with Tier 1 Participants
- Bus and shuttle drivers for other Tier 1 Participants
- Food staff that interacts with any Tier 1 Participants
- Medical Team
- Media Team members that interact with any Tier 1 participants

Tier 2: Public-facing participants

- Admin Team that does not work closely with Tier 1 Participants, Errand Runner
- Instructional and Design Staff that does not work closely with Tier 1 Participants
- Bus and shuttle drivers for other Tier 2 participants
- Food staff that does not interact with any Tier 1 participants
- Equipment/food truck drivers

All Tier 2 participants are required to submit a COVID-19 negative test result within 72 hours before arrival. Equipment and food truck drivers should leave the corps when not needed and stay in an off-site location. Any Tier 2 participants that will be leaving the campus to perform tasks in support of the corps should have sleeping arrangements and bathrooms that are completely separated from Tier 1 participants. Tier 2 participants must wear masks, socially distance, and not have any direct contact with Tier 1 Participants. Only designated Tier 2 participants will be allowed to interact with people outside of the corps

Tour

- Between Spring Training and Tour, there will be a transition period for Tier 1 participants who are preparing to leave and for those that are arriving for the first time.
 - Staff and Volunteers traveling just for tour, will be required to arrive at Spring Training a few days before tour departure and have a negative COVID-19 test 72 hours before arrival.

Anyone who leaves the “bubble” will not be allowed to return to the “bubble” without following the pre-arrival protocols including 10 days of self-quarantine and a negative PCR COVID-19 test 72 hours prior to arrival.