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Dear COT musicians,

Much thoughtful discussion ensued during the COT Board of Directors meeting on October 15, 2022 regarding the results of our recent survey of orchestra members about updating our Covid 19 Policy.

The Board of Directors has received many inquiries as to when the current COVID-19 policy will be updated. The board has received a number of suggestions, both written and verbal as to what the changes to the policy should be. In addition, the board sent a survey to all current members requesting feedback on the policy and possible changes. After multiple conversations on the current policy and in consideration of all the feedback that was received, the board has agreed upon the following statement.

- With consideration of the Fall/Winter forecast of the possible resurgence of Covid 19 cases, and in keeping with the mission of COT to serve the community which includes our musicians; the board encourages all musicians to wear a mask upon entering the rehearsal space and only remove them if required by the instrument you play.
- Members who have a legitimate medical situation that prohibits them from wearing a mask should not wear masks.
- The members of the board will not be policing or monitoring compliance to this policy.

The Civic Orchestra of Tucson mask policy will follow a three-tier approach.

- 1) When transmission rates are low in greater Tucson, masks will be highly recommended to keep our members as safe as possible, but not required.
- 2) When the transmission rate increases to a medium level, masks will again be required.
- 3) When the transmission rate increases to a high level, measures will be taken in addition to required masking. (ie more distancing, split rehearsals or cancellation)

The Board will continue to evaluate the situation in Pima County on a regular basis. We would like to thank everyone for their input.

For the sake of members of the orchestra with health issues or family with health issues we strongly request that you wear a mask, but we will not require it.

Thank you for your support and cooperation

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