



**Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra**

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## **2020-2021 SEASON ATTENDANCE POLICY**

A guiding philosophy of the Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra is that professional responsibility is critical to musical excellence. Absences are detrimental to the orchestra's progress and counterproductive to your own personal musical growth. However, we understand that absences may be unavoidable and have developed the following attendance policy.

*Normally, students are permitted a total of 5 absences per season, not to exceed more than 3 in any one rehearsal cycle leading up to a major concert. However, flexibility must be allowed for the current season.*

- If PYSO members or anyone in their immediate living situation have tested positive for COVID19 or present with any symptoms, you cannot attend in-person rehearsals. COVID19 has a wide range of symptoms from mild to severe, such as: Fever or chills/cough/shortness of breath or difficulty breathing/fatigue/muscle or body aches/headache/new loss of taste or smell/sore throat/congestion or runny nose/nausea or vomiting/diarrhea. Please consult your physician for question or concerns.
- If any PYSO member is in an at-risk population for COVID19 (as listed on the [CDC website](#)) you are not required to attend in-person rehearsals. However, we do request medical documentation to be excused.
- All members are expected to attend all scheduled activities, whether virtual or in-person when such activities resume.
- [Absence Forms](#) are located on the "[For Members](#)" page of the website and need to be filled out and submitted **online** no less than two weeks before the scheduled activity. The PYSO office Staff evaluates absence requests/notifications on an individual basis.
- Reasons for absence will be treated on a case by case basis.
- Conflicts with religious holidays and/or mandatory school activities would not be counted as an absence if we are made aware of conflicts in advance.
- The [PYSO Calendar](#) located under the "What's Happening" tab on PYSO's website includes the 2020-21 season schedule and has the most up-to-date information for programs and activities.
- Weekly reminders as well as notices of last-minute changes or cancellations will be sent out via *text message* or email to students and parents via "remind.com".