

Introduction:

These guidelines are intended to draft the procedures Cincinnati Tradition will use for the 2025 season. These plans are meant to guide the organization and its personnel on approaches to make the summer performance season as safe as possible. The Cincinnati Tradition does not promise, warranty or guarantee, express or implied, that these guidelines are comprehensive, exclusive or promise to be effective for every situation. They are meant to guide all participants (Staff, volunteers, members, and families) to an effective approach to ensure best practices in summer performance. These plans will only be as strong as we can enforce them, as individuals respect and implement them, and our intent is to follow the details outlined as specifically as possible. These guidelines alone will not shield anyone from potential health issues. These guidelines were developed making certain assumptions about the planned operations of the drum corps with the risks of the Covid-19 pandemic or other infectious diseases. Because pandemic and virus information is updated as necessary, adjustments will need to be regularly made to this document and potentially during the tour timeline. The Cincinnati Tradition strives to stay current with recommendations made by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC gov), as well as any guidelines or orders of any state or local health department in the geographic areas in which Our corps will operate, rehearse, reside, or perform.

In real time, decisions and adjustments will be made known to members of Cincinnati Tradition that might be updated prior to this document's written adjustments. Students, staff and volunteers must follow the guidance provided daily by the Cincinnati Tradition medical team, leadership, and administration. It is our hope that requirements may be relaxed through time, but this depends upon national improvement throughout a pandemic. We must handle our daily routines prior to tour in a manner that works to model public health and safety guidelines. This approach has been largely adopted from guidance of professionals dedicated to the drum corps activity. Please understand, there is an assumption of risk relative to all participants during any gathering or travel amidst a pandemic. Our intent is to utilize the guidance of health professionals, Drum Corps International, Our own experiences to mitigate risk as best as we can foresee to ensure that our students can return to musical activity and live performances. In this document, the term participants means any individual that is a staff member, volunteer, or member of the Cincinnati Tradition. Any questions may be directed to Cincinnati Tradition leadership (contact information listed on the last page of this document).

The Key Elements:

- Vaccinations - all participants are expected to seek vaccination for any and all infectious diseases. All participants are required to submit a vaccination record. The vaccination does not replace any public health measures included in these guidelines.
- Testing - The Cincinnati Tradition plans to test any individuals who exhibit symptoms in line with potential illness/ infection. If positive for infection/ illness, a doctor's note will be required to return to the ensemble after receiving the all clear. If symptoms appear prior to a rehearsal or a performance event, the individual will be required to notify the administration and education staff and stay isolated from the ensemble.

Contact Tracing:

If any participant tests positive for an infectious disease at any point during the season, the Cincinnati Tradition 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, responsible staff (director or athletic trainer) should be prepared to provide the following information:

- Name and contact information of any person that might have come into contact with the individual who tested positive. A contact is someone who was within 6 ft of an infected individual for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.
- Scheduling information that indicates who might have been rehearsing or working in the direct vicinity of the person that tested positive.

NO PARTICIPANTS WHO ARE SYMPTOMATIC CAN BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE WITH OTHER CORPS MEMBERS.

The Cincinnati Tradition organization will report any COVID positive test results to DCI. These recommendations are also based on the following assumptions:

- Every participant has active health insurance that allows the participant access to care in the locations in which the corps is traveling for the entire duration of participation.
- Every participant should have a designated primary care provider and identify access to telemedicine within their insurance network
- Member contracts will save that the Cincinnati Tradition cannot be responsible for cost of care
- All participants attend any in-person event with a thermometer and pulse oximeter, and utilize these devices daily.
- 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 corps staff and follow the directions given.

Housing considerations:

If the Cincinnati Tradition utilizes a hotel, the following protocols will be utilized:

- A maximum of four people per room.

Travel and Transportation considerations:

The Cincinnati Tradition will use the following resources to guide various areas of transportation utilized during the season:

- Carter bus use: CDC guidelines for all safety protocols

Season Exit Strategy:

Overall considerations include:

- Post-performance gathering
- Load out of show sets and props
- Equipment and uniform check-in
- Distribution of luggage and personal items for those departing
- Crowd control relative to family, alumni, supporters, donors, and sponsors

The Cincinnati Tradition will return to DCI housing after the Finals performance. Equipment check in will occur near our trailer in Indianapolis following the Finals performances.

Considerations include:

- Maintaining firm and clear boundaries of which non-participants cannot enter
- Awareness that season ending celebrations with family, friends, alumni, etc. cannot happen in the parking lot.

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- Awareness that the corps who follow your corps and performance need to be able to have a safe, non-compromised space to exit the stadium.
- Plan for a sufficient, firm and set time frame for concluding events (i.e. equipment and uniform check in that is not rushed).
- Not allowing for those flying to book flights that force an early departure that would inconvenience others.
- Making all aware of that access to the parking lot by personal autos, rideshare vehicles, taxis, etc. will not exist and that alternative meeting locations for such needs will need to be considered by the participants

Primary medical storage will remain in a designated location immediately inside the back entry of the short corps trailer (CT2). The corps will provide a tent for medical personnel to handle students in a shaded place. Students needing access to medical supplies should be directed to the athletic trainer or medical personnel. In the event of an emergency, please contact 911 and use best judgment and then notify the medical advisor and administration as soon as possible. The manner in which foods are served is critical to maintaining a healthy program to avoid a variety of issues that includes prevention of viral spread in a pandemic. The head cook and tour director will ensure cleaning and disinfection of surfaces and serving equipment before and after all meals.

Hand washing and jug washing will be required of all Cincinnati Tradition personnel.

Students must use hand sanitizer in addition to washing their hands prior to receiving a plate of food.

Additional hand sanitizer should be available in each vehicle, common areas, and at rehearsal locations.

Servers must also be cognizant to wear gloves whenever handling food, to wash hands regularly, and sanitize often. Hair covering is recommended (hat, ponytail, etc). Servers must limit the touching of cell phones, jewelry, face, etc during meal preparation and service.

Resources include: Food Temperature Requirements and Best Practices for Workers.

Distributing meals to the participants is a critical component to operating a protected environment. There are many "touch points" that offer potential for spreading contamination to be addressed. The distribution of food and food items must involve the standard protocols that include proper hand washing just prior to serving and wearing a clean pair of gloves. All volunteers should follow any directions provided by the administration.

Pre-packaged items such as ketchup, mustard, mayo, and dressing will be offered as available. Participants will either utilize their water jug for beverage or be distributed individual single serving beverages.

Brass members are recommended to clean their mouthpiece bi-weekly.