

Tallahassee Bach Parley COVID-19 Safety Policy

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This policy is adopted with the intent that Tallahassee Bach Parley will strive to continue to serve its goals and mission for the community in a manner that is sensitive and responsive to safety considerations in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Until further notice the safety procedures enumerated below should be observed during all Tallahassee Bach Parley events, including all meetings; rehearsals; musical performances; music lessons; contests, competitions, or other events; and community outreach, fundraising, or publicity efforts. These safety procedures apply to all Tallahassee Bach Parley managers; musicians or other event participants; independent contractors (including teachers); students; board members; and volunteers assisting Tallahassee Parley.

All Bach Parley activities will follow the protocols in place for St. John's (as dictated by their COVID-19 taskforce), but Bach Parley may require more stringent requirements than St. John's (e.g. keeping mask wearing mandatory longer than St. John's).

Bach Parley Concerts

Following the policy at St. John's and responding to the constantly changing COVID-19 pandemic, concerts may be pre-recorded, in-person with restricted audience numbers, livestreamed, or some other hybrid combination. To limit the audience size, we will have reserved tickets, available for free online through Eventbrite or by phone. All audience members are required to wear masks fitted full around their noses and mouths.

Bach Parley String Academy in-person lessons option

As of August 2021, we offer a choice between in-person and Zoom lessons for students. All students and faculty (as well as any siblings or family in tow) are required to wear face masks. The Parley will provide facemasks if needed, and all faculty have instrument safe disinfecting wipes and hand sanitizer in their teaching rooms.

Bach Parley has purchased Blueair Health Protect™ air cleaners that will run automatically and continuously in each of the teaching rooms, and Valerie is able to check their filters and operation through an app on her phone. These machines completely clean all of the air in the rooms 12 times per hour (every 5 minutes).

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1. Board meetings shall occur via Zoom or other video or telephone conferencing service.
 2. Other meetings concerning Tallahassee Bach Parley business may occur via video or telephone service. When an in-person meeting is necessary (such as a rehearsal), participants shall wear face masks (covering their nose and mouth at all times), and shall maintain a distance of at least six feet. All in-person meetings and rehearsals should be conducted as efficiently as possible to limit contact time.
 3. Such in-person meetings shall not occur if any participant is experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms or has been in contact with a person known to have COVID-19.
 4. All String Academy lessons may be conducted via video conferencing service or in-person.
 5. Kids Go for Baroque and similar events may occur in person only with the approval of the Bach Parley Board of Directors.
 6. Tallahassee Bach Parley may conduct in-person, public music performances with a limited audience, and all performers, audience members, and volunteers are required to wear properly fitting masks. Music performances may be broadcast to the public (live or taped) via electronic media. Musicians participating in such performances shall maintain a distance of at least six feet from each other. Musicians shall not participate if experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms or if they have been in contact with a person known to have COVID-19.
 7. All Bach Parley activities will follow the protocols in place for St. John's (as dictated by their COVID-19 taskforce), but Bach Parley may require more stringent requirements than St. John's (e.g. keeping mask wearing mandatory longer than St. John's). Tallahassee Bach Parley also shall comply with any local, state, or federal requirements concerning COVID-19 safety protocols.

Due to the fluid nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, these policies may be changed in the future, but always with the central goal of protecting the health and safety of all those who make up the Tallahassee Bach Parley.