

DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

MASKS AND BELL COVER POLICY FOR BRASS, WIND, AND VOICE STUDENTS

On the recommendation of the [Performing Arts Aerosol Study](#) (led by the College Band Directors National Association), and with the approval of the Provost of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the Department of Music has adopted the following **policy for all brass, wind, and voice students and faculty** who will conduct in person (face-to-face) playing starting spring 2021 semester until further notice. Adherence to this policy is paramount to securing the safest teaching and playing environment possible as we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic emergency. For additional safety protocols, please visit the university's [Carolina Together website](#) and the Department of Music's [Spring 2021 Safety Guidelines](#).

According to the Performing Arts Aerosol Study, published on August 6, 2020, "affixing masks to participants and applying bell cover 'masks' to musical instruments significantly reduced the range of aerosol particle emissions. Personal masks should be well-fitting, multi-layered, washable or disposable, and surgical in style. Ideally, bell covers should be made of non-stretchy material that has a Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value (MERV) of 13 – a rating known to protect against cough and sneeze, bacteria and virus particles." MERV filters should be replaced every 1-2 months and are available online from the recommended vendors listed below.

Instructors will require their brass and wind students to use modified masks and bell covers that meet these specifications. Brass, wind, and voice students enrolled in in-person music courses involving performance activities or face-to-face lessons will be provided one set of specialized masks and bell covers by the Department of Music. If students should want to purchase additional sets of masks and/or bell covers, they are required to purchase masks and bell covers that meet these specifications. To assist students in being in compliance with the department's mask/bell cover policy, they should purchase from the following recommended vendors:

Approved vendors for masks and bell covers for most brass and woodwind instruments

Gator Cases

- [Masks](#)
- [Bell covers](#)

Alto Music

- [Masks](#)
- [Bell covers](#)

Bandmans

- [Masks](#)

Approved vendors for masks for flute players

- [TheMaskedFlutist](#) (on Etsy)

Approved vendors for masks for voice students

- [My Music Folders](#)
- [For replacement filters](#) (My Music Folders)

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