



NJFMC is committed to providing high standards of musical creativity and performance by supporting music education through festival adjudication evaluations and competitions. With the new omicron and delta variants of coronavirus still being a concern, safety is our main priority for all teachers and students while pushing forward with our yearly events. This year, NJFMC is offering a hybrid option for the Junior Festival Adjudications for 'Spring 2022! Students and parents have the following options available for festival adjudication evaluations:

1. Virtual Video Submission
2. In-person adjudication – Note: Masks are required at all times.

Please refer to the following required COVID-19 NJFMC protocols for student performers opting for In-person adjudication evaluations.

Safety Protocols for all In-Person Participants:

1. Student performers must be accompanied by one parent or guardian and must wait in the designated waiting areas.
2. All students, parents and guardians must wear a mask at all times. There are no mask exemptions. If the student, parent, or guardian is unable to wear a mask, they have the option to participate in the festival through Virtual Video Submission.
3. We ask everyone to practice social distancing while in the waiting areas.
4. We ask everyone to observe the “no colds” policy. Stay home if you are sick or feel unwell. If participant is diagnosed with COVID-19, they must quarantine for 5 days until they are fever free, and symptoms have subsided before coming to the festivals.

Safety Requirements and Protocols for Performers in Keyboard, Strings and Guitar Events:

1. Students may be vaccinated or unvaccinated to participate at the In-person events.
2. All student performers must wear a mask at all times including during the performance evaluation. No exceptions.
3. All student performers must use a hand sanitizer before playing. There will be hand sanitizer available in each judging room.
4. All judges and accompanists must remain masked during all performances and in all common shared spaces.



Safety Requirements and Protocols for Performers in Vocal, Wind and Brass Events:

Singing and instrumental music produced by woodwind or brass instruments are at higher-risk for COVID-19 spread due to the aggressive expelling of respiratory droplets.

1. NJFMC requires all student performers in vocal, wind and brass categories to be vaccinated in order to participate in-person for their evaluation. Students will need to present their vaccination card upon checking in. Students will be instructed to stand at a safe distance from the judge and accompanist while performing. They will be permitted to perform their piece unmasked and then instructed to place their mask back on by the judge once completed.
2. All judges and accompanists must remain masked during all performances and in all common shared spaces.
3. Unvaccinated students who participate in vocal, woodwind, and brass events have the opportunity to participate unmasked through our virtual video submission.