



North Carolina Music Educators Association
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NCMEA is committed to providing high quality musical performance and adjudication events for students throughout the year. Ensuring the health and wellness of all participants is of significant importance. The NCMEA leadership recognizes there has been significant movement towards 'living with Covid .' However, infection rates continue to fluctuate and at times, certain Covid mitigation strategies may be determined to be necessary for hosting safe events.

Circumstances such as local community infection rates or host facility policies and procedures may occasionally necessitate the requirement of additional health and safety measures for individual NCMEA events. **NCMEA strongly supports any protocols that event coordinators determine are necessary to hold the safest possible event.**

NCMEA continues to recommend that music educators follow the most recent research-based recommendations from the CDC's [Operational Guidance for K12 Schools](#) and the [International Coalition Performing Arts Aerosol Study](#) in their schools on a daily basis.

As the COVID pandemic keeps evolving, all recommendations and protocols may be subject to change, including the addition or elimination of requirements for participants. The representatives of NCMEA (including members of the leadership team of NCMEA, section chairs, district chairs, and event coordinators) reserve the right to implement safety protocols at student events until the end of the 2022-23 school year.

Leadership will continue to evaluate circumstances throughout the year, and the chairs of individual events will communicate policies and procedures to participants with as much advance notice as possible.

NCMEA is excited to bring all student events back this year, and proud to provide opportunities for growth and success while looking out for our community of music educators and students.

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Johnathan Hamiel, President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Heiserman".

Susan Heiserman, Executive Director