

Dear TYSA Families,

We continue to closely monitor the latest reports about coronavirus (COVID-19) from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Washington State Department of Health, and local agencies. We will abide by Governor Inslee's mandates by cancelling all large gatherings for as long as is deemed necessary. We are, however, looking forward to having all our orchestras back together and are preparing for lengthened seasons.

Our TYSA family is a remarkable group. During the past few weeks the Board, conductors and staff have been working diligently as we continue to seek the best options for our young musicians. Through exhaustive efforts we have been able to resume engaging students through virtual options. The hope is to prepare each orchestra to have a season finale (be it in-person or virtual) allowing them to share with our community all they have been working on.

We hope that everyone will be able to join us for those events when the time comes. We will be updating you with rehearsal/performance times as they become available.

Students, please look for emails from your conductors. They will be sending weekly assignments to keep your individual practice sessions progressing. We will also be posting those assignments on the TYSA website under *Members Weekly Schedule and Announcements*.

We miss you **madly** and are looking forward to seeing you back **very soon!**

Sincerely,  
Your Tacoma Youth Symphony Family