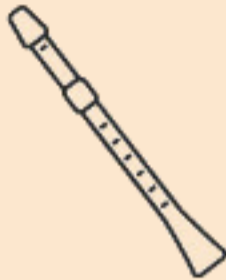


HOW TO PLAY RECORDERS SAFELY DURING EPIDEMICS

Our recorders are creative instruments but, because of their design and the way we use them they can also unfortunately become vectors of coronavirus. So what precautions should be taken to limit the risk?



1° Play your own recorders

This might seem obvious, but it is better said.

If you are not ill you do not need to disinfect them. If you are ill leave your instruments aside and care for yourself.

Wash your hands before and after playing.



2° Do not share your recorders

Avoid exchanging instruments at all costs.

Do not try out your friends' or colleagues' instruments

In music schools if you play an instrument belonging to the establishment you must not pass it on to anyone else.

Do not play other people's recorders. In ensembles each musician must play his own line using only his own instruments.

It's less fun but safer for you and your health.



3° Beware of disinfectants

Alcohol: not stronger than 70% and only applied sparingly on outside surfaces. Be careful because it can alter varnish, stains and other finishes. Repeated use can deteriorate wooden surfaces and cause small cracks. Do not use methylated spirits, household alcohol or acetone.

Bleach must not be applied to recorders. It is corrosive, irritant and harmful for you and the environment.



4° There is no magic product

Your recorder can only be completely disinfected by removing the block and cleaning the windway, the lip, the under-labium and the bore. This requires adequate equipment and experience and is best done by a competent repairer.

There is no magic product that can guarantee instant and total disinfection of a recorder.



5° The best disinfectant is time

As far as we know virus can survive from a few hours up to 5 or 6 days on wooden surfaces. An instrument should therefore be put in quarantine for about a week.

Moreover time costs nothing, is always available and unharmed for players and the environment.



6° Makers' guarantee

For professional makers security is vital. We guarantee:

- to completely clean and disinfect any instrument that is given to us
- to put a recorder into quarantine for 8 days before sending or returning it to its owner
- to observe strict security rules in our workshops.