

## Cleaning Your Recorder in the Age of COVID 19

Many people have asked us how to disinfect recorders, so that they may be shared, now that the COVID 19 virus has become an overwhelming concern.

In answer to this question we are sharing the following document, published by the State of Oklahoma Department of Health;

[https://www.ok.gov/health2/documents/Infection%20Control\\_Keeping%20Your%20Musical%20Instruments%20Clean%20and%20Safe.2014.pdf](https://www.ok.gov/health2/documents/Infection%20Control_Keeping%20Your%20Musical%20Instruments%20Clean%20and%20Safe.2014.pdf)

This was the only government published authoritative document that we could locate on this subject.

You will note that the document states that sterilization of plastic (or wood) is NOT practically achievable in the school setting. It also states that sharing of instruments is to be avoided. Both cases and recorders should be clearly labeled with the student's name so that there is no possibility of mix-ups or cross use.

Although disinfection is not recommended for use by more than one student per instrument, it is prudent to periodically clean your own recorder and case by the methods recommended by the state of Oklahoma.

We hope that this information is of use to you.