



As Covid variants come and go, there are certain things that flutists can do to avoid infection.

Most at risk are those who are trying out instruments, head joints, or playing the flutes of their students or colleagues.

Here are a few points to consider when sanitizing a flute:

- 70% Rubbing Alcohol is best - and can be applied directly to your flute cleaning cloth.
- Not dripping wet, but moist, clean the entire inside of the flute with alcohol.
- Be sure to make a wick with the cleaning cloth so that the alcohol reaches all the way past the embouchure hole, right up the head cork mechanism plate.
- With a Q-tip, gently clean inside the embouchure hole.
- When cleaning the outside of the flute, use alcohol on paper towels or tissues. Clean the keys from the mechanism, outward.
- Wipe down the entire tube, but be careful to avoid the edge of the pads...abrasion from your cleaning cloth can shorten the life of your pads. Stay safe...and keep the music going!