

COVID-19 Safety Precautions

We will be offering both in person and virtual lessons and group classes this year. Your private teacher will be in touch with you to discuss specific plans. Families who wish to have in-person lessons and group classes are asked to comply with the guidelines below.

The following procedures will be mandatory for the fall semester at all times while in the building:

- Teachers, parents, and students will be placed at least six feet apart in the studio and in group class.
- Please wait in your car or outside for your lesson rather than the hallway if you are early.
- Enter the building as close to the lesson time as is possible, and wash hands and/or use the hand sanitizer before the lesson or class.
- We know that it is not always possible, but if you could limit your visit to one parent and one child, that would help us minimize contact. Try to keep siblings and extra family members home.
- Teachers will open doors to their studios so that parent/students do not touch those door handles.
- Please try to minimize the number of items brought to the lesson, so bring only what is absolutely necessary.
- Masks will be required for parents, students, and teachers. If you need one, we will have some available, but it is best to bring your own.
- Please **DO NOT** bring your child if they or any member of your immediate family has had any of the following symptoms within the last 14 days: cough, fever, shortness of breath, flu-like symptoms, gastrointestinal symptoms, or loss of taste or smell.
- It has always been the policy to keep your child home if they have a fever. Please check on this before you bring them to the lesson.

In addition to the procedures above, the following procedures will be instituted specifically for the group class:

- Parents of middle and high school aged children are asked to drop off their children or wait outside rather than in the hallways during classes.
- Students will enter the group class room through one door and exit through the other door because all group classrooms have two doors.
- Students will have assigned seats or taped squares on the floor and will have to stay in their seat/space for the whole class time.
- Students will have designated areas to unpack their instruments, which will be the same each week. Teachers will instruct students as they arrive on the first day of class.
- Some weeks when there is nice weather, we will be able to have class outside, still six feet apart.

Additionally, we as a staff will be implementing the following sanitation procedures:

- All magazines, coloring stations, train tables, and other toys will be put away.
- Teachers will wipe down surfaces (such as music stands) between students when possible.
- Teachers will use hand sanitizer and/or wash hands in between students.
- Teachers will be spraying Lysol in the room between students.
- Some teachers are placing a plastic divider through the middle of their studio so that the parent and student are on one side and the teacher on the other during the lesson.

We appreciate your willingness to comply with these guidelines as we prepare for this school year.