



COVID-19 Safe Studio Policy

PART 1: FOUR STAGE PLAN FOR SAFE LEARNING

Studio management will determine when each stage is reached and communicate the stage clearly with the community. See explanations of each stage below.

STAGE	COLOUR	DESCRIPTION
1	GREEN	Lessons as usual with full capacity in the studio with heightened cleaning procedures
2	YELLOW	Lessons at full capacity in the studio with heightened cleaning procedures, plexiglass barriers and masks recommended for anyone over age 2
3	ORANGE	As per Stage 2, with 50% capacity and compulsory masking over the age of 2
4	RED	Studio closed - online virtual lessons and classes from home for all students, following the regular timetable.

Stage One GREEN: Lessons as usual with full capacity in the studio with heightened cleaning procedures

1. All lessons and classes operating as usual at full capacity.
2. All persons entering the studio to wash hands (preferred) or use hand sanitizer upon entry.
3. Masks are optional.
4. All instruments, equipment and touch points are disinfected with Benefect's Decon 30 (plant based disinfectant with no synthetic chemicals) between students/classes. <https://benefect.com/us/products/decon-30/>
5. Waiting area, door handles and bathrooms are disinfected daily with Decon 30.
6. If students present with any symptoms of illness, the teacher has the right to send them home.
7. Airwasher and purification units throughout the studio.

Stage Two YELLOW: Lessons at full capacity in the studio with heightened cleaning procedures, plexiglass barriers and masks recommended for anyone over age 2

1. On site screening is no longer required. All persons entering the studio are expected to complete screening at home prior to attending in person. A temperature check will be completed upon entry.
2. All persons entering the studio must use hand sanitizer or wash hands upon entry.
3. Masks are strongly recommended, though not required, over the age of 2 (some leniency provided for 2 year olds) with the following exceptions:
 - Vocal students may remove masks during lessons, providing the following 3 exceptions do not apply.
 - Masks are required for days 6-10 after a self-isolation period of 5 days after a COVID-19 diagnosis.
 - Masks are required if you are identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19 for 5 days if fully vaccinated or under the age of 12, or 10 days if not fully vaccinated.
 - Masks are required for the first 14 days after travel outside of Canada.
4. Plexiglass barriers are utilized in each lesson room but may be removed with the consent/agreement of both teacher and parent/guardian/student over the age of 18.
5. Instructors will remain distanced as much as possible during lessons, sanitizing hands should closer contact/demonstration be required.
6. Instructors teaching voice lessons and Kindermusik wear ZShields or performers masks (ideally with windows). Distancing of 6 feet required. Masks may be removed by instructor for demonstration purposes if student/parent/instructor provide verbal consent.
7. Instructors teaching Kindermusik wear ZShields or performers masks (ideally with windows). Distancing of 6 feet required.
8. Instrument, equipment and touch point sanitization maintained.
9. Waiting area, door handles and bathrooms are disinfected frequently with Decon 30 throughout each day.
10. Toys/difficult to clean objects may not be used in class by students
11. Kindermusik class sizes are limited to 5 families, distanced by 6 feet as indicated by the circle mats in the classroom. Individual instrument baskets are prepared in advance for each family's use during class.
12. If students present with any symptoms of illness, the teacher has the right to send them home.
13. Airwasher and purification units throughout the studio.

Stage Three ORANGE: As per Stage 2, with 50% capacity and compulsory masking over the age of 2

1. As per Stage 2 with the following additions.
2. We encourage a drop-off system where possible to maintain our current capacity restrictions. Instructors will join parents/guardians outside a few minutes prior to the end of each lesson to discuss progress. Parent/guardian should arrive 5 minutes prior to pickup in order to facilitate this.
3. Masks are compulsory over the age of 2 (some leniency provided for 2 year olds) with some exceptions provided during the lesson for voice students who are vaccinated or have medical exemptions. Distancing of 6 feet required.
4. Instructors teaching voice lessons and Kindermusik wear performers masks (ideally with windows) or masks coupled with ZShields.

Stage Four RED: Online Zoom lessons from teachers' homes

1. All private and group lessons will be conducted via studio Zoom with links emailed out to students.
2. The timetable will continue as per normal with adjustments made as needed for siblings in simultaneous lessons.
3. Lessons will continue until leadership deem it safe to return to the studio.

PART 2: PROTOCOLS FOR POSITIVE CASES

In the event that an individual, including team member, student, or family member, tests positive for COVID-19 and was contagious while at the studio, we will act immediately to ensure the safety of co-workers, students, and families and comply with all applicable laws.

The following steps are to take place:

- Through use of daily attendance records, admin team will notify any students, families, and staff who were also at the studio at the time of and after the contagious individual.
- Deep cleaning measures will continue.
- Individuals who tested positive or who were present at the time of the positive individual will follow up with their doctor and contact tracers to complete testing and any necessary quarantine.
- During the time that students, their families, and/or teachers must quarantine, instruction will be provided online via Zoom.

In the event that a team member has tested positive for COVID-19, that person may return to work:

- After 5 days of self-isolation if fully vaccinated OR under the age of 12
- After 10 days of self-isolation if not fully vaccinated or immunocompromised
- Symptoms have improved for 24 hours (48 hours if gastro-intestinal); and
- A negative test result has been provided

PART 3: VACCINATION POLICY (stages 3 and 4)

Sing Music Studio does not mandate vaccinations for its students and team, but we recommend all our community members seeking appropriate protection from COVID-19.

Team members are required to show proof of vaccination status or proof of negative rapid antigen testing 3 times per week. Medical status is kept confidentially on file by the director.

Proof of vaccination or negative rapid antigen test results for students may be required for voice lessons, duets and group classes for students who meet the age requirements for vaccinations.