



Langley Community Music School

September 2, 2021

Dear LCMS Families,

As we look forward to the start of the fall term, I am writing to share with you the health and safety measures that will be in place for the coming school year.

As you are no doubt aware, there have been two recent Provincial health orders pertaining to masks and vaccinations. LCMS takes our duty of care to our under-12 students, and teachers, staff and students who are older and/or immune compromised very seriously, and is fully supportive of these orders.

Vaccination Policy – Group Classes, Ensembles, and Concert Attendance

In accordance with health orders, proof of vaccination will be required for all students 12 years or older participating in group classes or ensembles. Proof of vaccination will also be required for anyone age 12+ to attend concerts, events, student recitals and studio recitals. Please note, vaccination requirements also apply to any parents participating with their child in group classes.

As the Provincial order is limited to group activities, proof of vaccination will not be required for private lessons. It will also not be required to enter/exit the common areas of our building for purposes such as child drop-off and pick-up.

Students/participants will be required to provide proof of vaccination to the LCMS office before participating in their first in-person group class or ensemble on or after September 13, 2021. Students turning 12 during the course of the year will be required to provide proof of vaccination at that time in order to continue in the class.

Vaccination Policy – Teachers & Staff

Providing a safe environment for our students, faculty and staff is a top priority. Our policy is that all faculty and staff teaching or working in-person at LCMS will have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine, and all faculty teaching group classes and ensembles will be fully vaccinated. This policy is effective on September 7, 2021.

Masks Required

Masks are required to be worn by all persons five years or older in LCMS indoor common spaces, classrooms and teaching studios. An exception will be made for the temporary removal

of masks while engaged in an activity that cannot take place while wearing a mask e.g. winds/voice. Children's Choir participants will be required to wear masks, and will be physically distanced in Rose Gellert Hall.

To avoid un-masked crowding outside the lobby entrance, everyone is asked to wear a mask while outside the building within the vicinity of the front door.

Ensembles, Enrichment Classes and Group Classes

Most classes and ensembles, including orchestras, fiddling and Suzuki performance classes, will operate at normal capacity, and will not be offered in hybrid or online format. Early learning classes and children's choir will be taking place with reduced capacity and/or modified activities. Recognizing different groups have different safety considerations relating to the instruments being played and age/vaccination status of the participants, detailed safety requirements will be communicated to registered participants in advance of class start as required.

Waiting in the building discouraged

To avoid crowding in the building, students will be asked to arrive on-time, not early, and leave the building promptly after. There will be limited seating in the lobby.

Cleaning and hygiene

There will be regularly scheduled cleaning of high touch surfaces throughout the building. Hand sanitizing stations will continue to be positioned at the lobby entrance and throughout the building, and hand sanitizer provided in each teaching studio or classroom. Sanitizer will be provided for the cleaning of pianos between students. All persons entering a teaching studio must clean their hands before and after the lesson.

Stay Home if you are unwell

A reminder to everyone to please stay home and do not come to LCMS if you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, or any communicable disease. This continues to be a requirement, independent of vaccination status.

Questions Welcome

Health and safety is our top priority, and this letter is summary of our communicable disease prevention plan. If you have questions or concerns about the measures we are taking, please contact us. As always, the Principal is available by appointment.

We look forward to welcoming you this fall.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Granholm
Principal