

Pakachoag Music School Music Together and COVID-19

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At Pakachoag Music School, we are closely monitoring the situation regarding coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in our community. Until the situation is resolved, we will continue to defer to the CDC and other health professionals on how best to prevent the spread of infectious diseases.

At this time, we are focused on continuing our Spring 2020 classes, but with a start date delay. As you know, this is a rapidly changing situation. We will keep you updated and informed as the situation continues to unfold, and invite you to reach out to Sarah Smongeski, Executive Director or Chris Wychorski, Registrar if you have questions.

In the meantime, we have revised our health policy using [guidance from the CDC \(https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/stop-the-spread-of-germs.pdf\)](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/stop-the-spread-of-germs.pdf) about best practices to prevent the spread of all germs and ensure your continued health and well-being.

2020 Health Policy for Music Together with Pakachoag

We ask for your help in keeping all the members of our musical community healthy by following these protocols. Our classes may have immune-compromised individuals (including pregnant women) who may be more susceptible to viral respiratory infections, including influenza and COVID-19, so your vigilance and adherence to this health policy is extremely important. Our teachers reserve the right to send a family home from class if they feel these sickness protocols are not being followed.

Classroom Cleaning Protocols

- All instruments that were distributed will be disinfected between classes and the end of the day with hospital-grade sanitizing disinfectant.
- Classroom surfaces will be cleaned and sanitized before and after class.
- Some instruments and props may be taken out of circulation.
- Disinfectant wipes will be available for use during class.
- Please bring your own hand sanitizer or wipes due to market shortages making it difficult for us to stock.

Family Health Protocols

- We ask that all adults and children wash their hands before and after class for at least 20 seconds. (Sing the “Hello Song” to all the members of your family: that'll be at least 20 seconds!) **Please arrive a few minutes early to allow time for this.**
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow. Throw used tissues in the trash. Immediately wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, clean your hands with a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Elbow-bump or wave instead of shaking hands or hugging.

Illness Policy

- If you or your child is sick, **please stay home** until you are fully recovered. If you or your child has had a fever, you must be fever-free for at least 24 hours (without assistance of fever-reducing medication) before returning to class.

- If you or your child becomes ill with something contagious after you were in class, please email info@pakmusic.org to let us know right away.

Schedule a Make Up!

We are offering a generous, unlimited makeup policy, so please keep that in mind. If circumstances warrant more flexibility, we will allow families to carry over makeups to our summer session (or other future session).

Questions?

Please reach out to Chris Wychorski, Registrar if you have questions regarding schedules and make-ups.

Chris@pakmusic.org

If you have questions regarding this policy, please email Sarah Smongeski, Executive Director.

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If you have questions about anything related to your time in class, please speak with your teacher or email sarah@pakmusic.org.