



SJMA Communicable Disease Prevention Plan 2021/22

This document outlines Saint James Music Academy's updated Communicable Disease Prevention Plan (formerly known as the SJMA Covid-19 Health & Safety Plan) as of September 10th, 2021.

Saint James Music Academy is committed to the health and wellbeing of our students, staff, teachers and volunteers. We adhere to the Provincial COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 Settings and Workplace BC requirements. We acknowledge that this pandemic has introduced new complexities with providing programs that are safe and responsible, and our aim with these policies is to minimize the risk and spread of the virus while supporting our students in having a positive experience at SJMA.

1. Daily Health Assessment - Staff, teachers, volunteers, and parents

In order to enter the building, all staff, teachers, volunteers, and parents must complete the following assessment on a daily basis:

Are you experiencing flu or COVID-19 like symptoms, even mild ones?

- Symptoms include: fever, chills, cough (or in case of chronic cough, one that is worsening), shortness of breath, loss of sense of smell or taste, diarrhea, nausea and vomiting

Have you arrived from Outside Canada in the last 14 days?

- This includes the United States

Are you a confirmed contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?

If anyone answers "Yes" to any of these questions they will not be allowed to enter the building at that time

2. Daily Health Assessments - Students

Our Daily Health Assessment is the same as the Vancouver School Board's assessment that all parents, guardians, and/or caregivers have the responsibility to conduct prior to the student arriving at school. At time of pick up from their school by SJMA (Van or 'Walking School Bus'), students will be observed and asked if they feel well. Any child who reports to have or is observed to have COVID-19-like symptoms will remain at school to be picked up by a parent.

If students are being transported to SJMA by their parents, parents will be asked to answer the daily health assessment questions for their child. Students old enough to transport themselves to SJMA are asked to complete the Daily Health Assessment prior to arriving.

3. Personal Hygiene

- Proper hand washing stations will be available at sinks and hand sanitizer will also be available.
- Everyone will wash hands upon arrival to SJMA, before eating, after using the toilet, and

whenever it is deemed necessary.

4. Sanitization

- Before and after use of each room and equipment, high-touch surfaces will be sanitized with disinfecting spray/wipes.
- Regular and thorough cleaning/sanitization will be conducted of all rooms used by our program.

5. Mask use and Ventilation

In accordance with the provincial guidelines for K-12 settings, students grade 4 and up are now mandated to wear masks indoors and in transportation vehicles, except while eating and playing wind instruments.

- Masks will be worn by all teachers / staff / volunteers /students grade 4 and up
*People with medical reasons and those speaking with individuals with hearing impairment will use droplet shields.
- Windows will be kept ajar to facilitate optimal airflow in each room.
- Parents are asked to wear masks when dropping off / picking up their children.

6. Response to Persons with Symptoms or COVID-19 exposure

- Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms will have to stay home from SJMA until they no longer have symptoms, or in cases of chronic cough, until they have been tested to confirm that they do not have COVID-19. Anyone exposed to COVID-19 will follow the instructions provided by the regional health authorities.

Community Values

Saint James Music Academy's *Community Values* continue to be instrumental in guiding us through the challenges and opportunities of living and working in community through Covid conditions. We recognize the profound worth and deep potential of every child. We encourage every child to discover their true purpose, and to pursue that purpose to their fullest capacity.

- We commit to nurturing children to become part of a healthy community. We believe in the necessity of being connected to our neighbours, celebrating and protecting our grassroots, encouraging inclusion, participation and mutual support. We encourage the development of engaged young citizens who contribute to the common good regardless of their musical ability.
- We promote teamwork in all we do: with children, teachers, staff and volunteers. We provide one another with the tools and support for engaging in their varying processes of growth and development as they face many obstacles. We encourage our staff and teachers to be life coaches, community-minded leaders, models of excellence, generous and passionate.
- We embrace flexibility, creativity and experimentation. No program is so inflexible to us that it does not, from time to time, undergo scrutiny for its efficacy. We seek creative solutions to problems and remain courageous in the face of uncertainty.