



SJMA Communicable Disease Prevention Plan 2022

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 January 7th, 2022.

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 Check (See Appendix A)

In order to attend Saint James Music Academy all staff, teachers, volunteers and parents/students must complete a **DAILY HEALTH CHECK**.

Our Daily Health Check adheres to the Provincial COVID-19 Guidelines for K- 12 Settings that all parents, guardians, and/or caregivers have the responsibility to conduct prior to students arriving to 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 cannot pass the Daily Health Check 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 Check questions for their child. Students old enough to transport themselves to SJMA are asked to complete the Daily Health Check prior to arriving.

2. 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.

3. Cleaning and Sanitization

- Regular and thorough cleaning/sanitization will be conducted of all rooms used by our program (daily at a minimum), with emphasis on high touch surfaces.

4. Mask use and Ventilation

In accordance with the provincial guidelines for K-12 settings, K- 12 students, staff, teachers, volunteers, and visitors are required to wear masks under public health orders.

Those with mask exemptions continue to follow other safety measures. Masks can be removed for playing wind instruments, eating and drinking.

- Parents are asked to wear masks when dropping off / picking up their children.

- Only rooms with adequate ventilation are used and windows are kept ajar to maximize air flow throughout buildings and classrooms -

5. Space Arrangement

Maximize space between people and prevent crowding during classes, class transitions and break times.

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.

DAILY HEALTH CHECK

1) Are you experiencing any of the following?

(check all that apply)

- Fever higher than 38°C
- Chills
- Cough
- Loss of sense of smell or taste
- Difficulty breathing

If you checked any of the above **STAY HOME** and contact a care provider or call 8-1-1 about your symptoms and next steps.

2) Are you experiencing any of the following?

(check all that apply)

- Sore throat
- Loss of appetite
- Extreme fatigue or tiredness
- Headache
- Body aches
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

If you checked any of the above **STAY HOME UNTIL YOU FEEL BETTER.**

3) Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?

Fully vaccinated students, staff and other adults who have travelled outside of Canada may qualify for the [fully vaccinated traveller exemption](#).

Students, staff and other adults who are not [fully vaccinated](#) and have travelled outside of Canada **CANNOT attend school for 14 days after arrival**, as part of [federal requirements](#).

4) Have you been notified by public health that you are a close contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?

Public Health Instruction

Please follow the instructions provided by Public Health. You can call 8-1-1 anytime to get advice about how you are feeling and what to do next. Pay attention to how you are feeling.