



# SJMA Communicable Disease Prevention Plan 2022

Saint James Music Academy is committed to the health and wellbeing of our students, staff, teachers and volunteers. Our Communicable Disease Prevention Plan conforms to WorkSafe BC's requirements and is based on guidance from the Province of British Columbia, the BC Centre for Disease Control, the BC Ministry of Education, and Vancouver Coastal Health.

Our aim with this plan is to minimize the risk and spread of communicable diseases such as COVID-19 while supporting our students in having a positive experience at SJMA.

## 1. Daily Health Check (See Appendix A)

Staff, teachers, volunteers, students, parents or visitors who are experiencing any of the symptoms listed in the DAILY HEALTH CHECK may not enter Saint James Music Academy.

The 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 their children arriving to school.

At the time of student pick-up from school by the SJMA Van or 'Walking School Bus', students will be observed and asked if they feel well. Any child who has symptoms listed in the Daily Health Check will remain at school to be picked up by a parent.

Students old enough to transport themselves to SJMA will be observed and asked if they feel well upon arrival. Any child who has symptoms listed in the Daily Health Check will not be allowed to attend SJMA. Parents will be contacted.

Parents transporting their own children to SJMA will be asked to confirm that their children do not have any of the symptoms listed in the Daily Health Check upon arrival.

## 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**

Masks are no longer required to be worn in indoor spaces. SJMA will continue to make masks available to those who wish to wear them.

Only rooms with adequate ventilation will be used and windows/vents will be kept ajar to maximize air flow throughout our buildings and classrooms.

### **5. Space Arrangement**

Spaces will be arranged to 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 HEALTH 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 been notified by public health that you are a close contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?

If **YES**, 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.