



cSSm COVID-19 Protocols

Fall 2021

Cambridge Suzuki School of Music is delighted to be returning to in-person classes for Fall 2021. The majority of our community is under 12 years old and ineligible for the vaccine, and these protocols are designed with their safety in mind. Thank you for helping to keep our community safe.

COVID precautions

As we return to in-person learning, including Group Classes, we will be requiring everyone, regardless of vaccination status, to:

- Wear masks indoors
- Use hand sanitizer or wash their hands when they enter the space
- Make every attempt to maintain 6 feet of distance outside of their personal pod

To allow for more transition time between classes, we have scheduled 10 minutes between Group Classes and we will be ending each Private Lesson a little early.

Students should attend class with one accompanying adult, unless prior arrangements have been made. Unvaccinated siblings who cannot consistently wear masks should not attend classes.

Vaccination

We, and our hosts at Allium Montessori, require documentation of vaccination from all students 12 and older, as well as all adults who will accompany students to in-person lessons. We recognize that this information is sensitive, and we will not share it outside of our faculty, administration, and hosts.

We strongly encourage all of our eligible community members to be vaccinated as soon as possible, if they have not yet been vaccinated. If you or your child is eligible for vaccination but unvaccinated, please let us know your plans for getting vaccinated. If you have a religious or medical exemption, please provide documentation.



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COVID symptoms and exposures

We anticipate that our community members may develop COVID symptoms or have a COVID exposure over the course of the year. Please review the guidelines below.

If a student or accompanying adult **develops any symptoms of COVID** (fever, cough, shortness of breath, headache, runny nose/congestion, sore throat, vomiting or diarrhea, muscle/body aches, lack of smell or taste), they should:

- Be tested for COVID using a PCR-type test (please note: a negative rapid antigen test, e.g. Binax NOW, is not sufficient)
- Stay home from in-person class until:
 - a) They have tested negative for COVID AND
 - b) Their symptoms have resolved

If a student or accompanying adult **tests positive for COVID**, they should:

- Stay home from in-person class for at least 10 days from Day 1 of symptoms, or date of positive test if asymptomatic, AND until symptoms are resolved

If a student or accompanying adult is a **COVID contact** (defined as spending defined as spending more than 15 minutes within 6 feet of a known COVID case without appropriate PPE for up to two days before symptoms developed or tested positive, for asymptomatic infections), they should:

- If unvaccinated:
 - a) Be tested at Day 5 or later from date of exposure
 - b) Not attend in-person class for 10 days
- If vaccinated:
 - a) Be tested at Day 5 or later from date of exposure

Naturally, we cannot anticipate the effects of COVID-19 on our ability to host in-person classes. While we regret that we cannot guarantee in-person classes, we are confident in guaranteeing exceptional instruction.

- Private Lessons: Students who cannot attend in-person class because of COVID symptoms or exposure will be able to participate in online Private Lessons.
- Group Class: We will miss you, but we know you share our concern for the community's health.