



NCM COVID GUIDELINES UPDATE – WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

Students, their families, faculty and staff should plan for full return to in-person lessons. **please see the detailed safety plan guidelines below*

Starting Monday, September 13, proof of vaccine and government ID is required for all students over 18 years old. Students 12 years – 18 years old must show proof of their vaccination only and parents of students under 12 must show proof of vaccine with government ID, by order of the Provincial Health Officer.

This can be done directly at the office, or via email by taking a picture of the vaccination card beside your government ID or a screen shot of your vaccination passport. As of September 26, only vaccination passports will be excepted.

Faculty In-home studio lessons can resume through the NCM.

- Online lessons will continue to be an option.
- Group lessons will restart.
- Choir can resume.
- In-person voice and wind instrument instruction can resume with restrictions.
- In-person recitals, masterclasses and workshops can resume.
- Increased capacity for indoor seated organized gatherings in the NCM ensemble room.
- Ensemble room can be used for more than an hour at a time.
- COVID cleaning practices will stay in place.
- Masks will continue to be required inside the NCM.

CURRENT DETAILED SAFETY GUIDELINES

Starting September 7, 2021- anyone 12 years old and over who is registered for in-person and group lessons or is attending any workshops or special events at the NCM must be partially vaccinated with at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

As of October 24, 2021 - anyone 12 years old and over who is registered for in-person and group lessons or is attending any workshops or special events at the NCM must be fully vaccinated.

Entering the NCM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anyone entering the NCM must first do a self-health check. - Anyone entering the NCM must continue to wear a mask while in the Conservatory. - Nobody should be entering the Conservatory if they are feeling ill.
Group Activities. string and percussion group lessons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Masks must continue to be worn with in the NCM while attending any group activities. <i>*see wind instruments, voice and choir</i> - Groups cannot exceed more than 24 participants at a time in the ensemble room. - COVID cleaning protocol is still in effect – all stands, chairs and equipment must be wiped down after each group activity.
Group Activities <i>wind instruments, voice, Choir</i> and preschool groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anyone 12 years and up attending group activities with wind instruments, voice and choir, must be double vaccinated to participate, as of September 7, 2021. - All parents who have children attending lessons for wind instruments, voice and choir under the age of 12, must be double vaccinated, as of September 7, 2021. - All choir groups will be holding their practices at another facility that has more space to accommodate social distancing for larger groups.
All in-person lessons <i>String and percussion</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Masks must continue to be worn while attending any in-person lessons for string and percussion.
All in-person lessons <i>Wind Instruments and voice</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anyone 12 years and up attending in-person lessons with wind instruments and voice, must be double vaccinated. - All parents who have children attending lessons for wind instruments, voice and choir under the age of 12, must be double vaccinated.
Home studio lessons (Lessons taught from NCM Faculty home Studio)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students 12 years old and older, that attend lessons at an NCM faculty’s home studio must wear a mask for the duration of the lesson and must adhere to the vaccination requirements. Parents of students under 12 years old, must adhere to the vaccination requirements for their child to attend Faculty home studio lessons. - Faculty also have to notify the office of any students attending Home studio lessons and parents will need to sign a waiver. <i>* (Home studios are only used if there is not available studio space to accommodate a specific lesson time)</i>
Cleaning guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - COVID cleaning procedures will still be in place for all studio and ensemble room use. This includes a wipe down of all music stands, chairs and anything else that may be used by others after each lesson and/or group activity. - Students will be encouraged to wash their hands before each lesson or group session or use the hand sanitation stations that are up around the school. - Faculty wanting to teach from their home studios must submit a COVID-19 cleaning guidelines specific for their home studios.