

Hello members,

We hope you are well, and that you are doing your utmost to stay safe at this time of COVID-19.

For the safety of your own families and your students' families, we recommend that you continue online lessons. The year is coming to a close and since most of us are feeling comfortable with this set up please continue. Even exams are taking place remotely, in the interest of safety for all.

In placing a call to the government last Friday we were directed to this website <https://engagemb.ca/covid19-csp> and this is the statement that was posted in response to a question about piano lessons:

*One-on-one Piano lessons may resume effective May 4, as music lessons are included under #79 on Schedule A issued with the public health orders. In addition to enforcing the 2 metre distance rule, continue to follow the routine precautions for workplaces to help reduce the spread of communicable diseases, including COVID-19. Please see business guidelines available at:*

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/business/index.html#safehealthy>

So if you are resuming lessons in your home, we would like to suggest some guidelines. Of course, you need to also refer to the health authorities on this matter (website address above):

Teachers:

- Self Screen for symptoms
- communicate the procedure for lessons to all students well ahead of time
- Practice Social distancing 2 metres/6 feet are to be between teacher and student at all times
- Wash hands with soap before and after every student (20 seconds min.)
- Wear a mask
- Sanitize chairs, benches, and instrument surfaces between students
- Sanitize restrooms, door handles regularly- (we recommend that students do not use the teachers' washrooms)
- Only one student allowed in the studio at one time (with family only if necessary)

Students:

- Cancel your lesson (have an online or over the phone lesson) if you are experiencing any cold or flu symptoms.
- Wait in the car until you get permission, or a sign from the teacher that you can enter the house/studio
- There will not be a waiting area
- Only the student should be in the studio, family can wait outside, or in a car (if necessary, a family member that resides in the same house as the student can be present, but we recommend only the student go in to the studio/house as to lessen any risk)
- Please wear a mask
- Sanitize your hands immediately upon entering the studio for 20 sec. minimum
- Before going into anyone's home or studio, please go through this Covid-19 Health Survey

<https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/>

Stay safe, and please don't take any unnecessary risks. Manitoba has done so well.

All the best,

MRMTA Executive