

Hello teachers and students,

The most recent changes to the Manitoba Provincial Health Orders were announced on Thursday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> with some sections effective on Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, and other sections effective on Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 12:01 a.m. These orders will remain in effect until new orders are released.

The current Health Orders do not mention tutoring or individual educational instruction as a business that is required to close or required to follow particular specific requirements to remain open.

ORDER 3 (1) states:

“A business or facility whose ability to open or operate is not otherwise specifically addressed in these Orders may open or operate.”

If you are teaching group music lessons, there are specific requirements to follow.

ORDER 4 states:

“If these Orders require the operator of a business or facility to restrict admission to the business or facility to specified persons, the operator must implement measures to ensure that only those specified persons are permitted to enter or remain in the business or facility.”

Please further refer to Order 19 below if you teach group music lessons.

ORDER 19

“A business that offers group music lessons or instruction on crafts or other recreational subjects must not hold group classes unless the operator restricts admission of students in group classes to the following:

- (a) persons who produce proof that they are fully immunized;
- (b) persons who produce proof from the Government of Manitoba that there is a medical reason for the person not to receive a vaccine for COVID-19;
- (c) persons under 12 years of age.”

Instrumental or singing teachers – [this document](#) dated March 2021 gives provincial guidelines for you to read. Unfortunately, nothing more recent could be located online.

Regarding vaccination status, we recommend that each teacher set guidelines for their studio and communicate this to student families.

**We strongly recommend teaching online where possible. If you are teaching in person, exercise continued caution and follow Health Guidelines as outlined below.**

#### **Teachers and Students**

- self-screen for symptoms regularly
- move to online or over-the-phone lessons if you are experiencing any cold or flu symptoms
- practice social distancing (2 metres between teacher and student)
- wash or sanitize hands for a minimum of 20 seconds before and after each lesson
- wear a mask
- teachers - sanitize any shared surfaces regularly (door handles, washroom surfaces, etc.)

All the best,  
MRMTA Executive