

Chilliwack Academy of Music (CAM) Communicable Disease Policy

May 23, 2024

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A Brief Overview

May 23, 2024 (updates are top of the list, bold and in italics)

- ***Social distancing is recommended between student and instructors.***
- ***Parents can assist with limiting social contact by dropping off students outside, and waiting in the car to pick up students outside.***
- ***If the student prefers to attend lessons masked, the teacher will also mask for the lessons.***
- ***One parent or one helper of the student may attend the lesson, but must maintain social distance as requested.***
- ***Masks are welcomed at CAM for the safety of our collective families.***
- Everyone's level of comfort and tolerance for risk will be different. Be respectful of others' personal space and continue to practice good hygiene, including frequent handwashing.
- If you or anyone in your family feel sick stay home and get tested. <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/testing/when-to-get-a-covid-19-test>
- In the event of an exposure, affected parties will be contacted
- Any communication from CAM that comes after the posted date of this policy will be accepted into this policy and will replace any part of this policy contained within this document as applicable.

Risk Assessment is ongoing, which means varied levels of regulation and frequent changes to policy. We're asking you all to continue to be kind, be calm, and be safe. CAM does not tolerate any abuse, including verbal abuse, towards teachers, students, staff, or Cultural Centre staff. Anyone who abuses another person in the school will be denied service.

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This policy will remain in effect only as long as it's required to ensure the health and safety of instructors, students, and other third parties, and will be revoked when safe to do so based on applicable public health advice that the risks have subsided.

1. CAM recommends the COVID-19 vaccination for all instructors and students 5 and older.
2. Vaccinations are essential for CAM to operate safely. Here are the top reasons why:
 - Instructors work with vulnerable members of the public, such as elderly or medically compromised people.
 - Instructors are best able to support student learning working in close proximity of less than two metres from each other.
 - CAM has a duty to ensure a safe workplace under occupational health and safety law.
3. If you have any concerns or questions about the COVID-19 vaccination, visit Healthlink BC at: <https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthlinkbc-files/covid-19-vaccines>

Contact Academy administration with any concerns or questions about Chilliwack Academy of Music COVID-19 Policy at:

info@chilliwackmusic.com

Here is part of what Healthlink BC shares about the vaccine:

Immunization has saved more lives in Canada in the last 50 years than any other health measure.

What are COVID-19 vaccines?

COVID-19 vaccines protect against infection from the severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) that causes COVID-19. The vaccines cause your body to produce antibodies that will help protect you from getting sick if exposed to the virus. The vaccines are approved by Health Canada.

Who should get the vaccines?

COVID-19 vaccination is recommended for those 12 years of age and older. More information, including how to register for the vaccine, can be found on the BCCDC website:

www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine/eligibility

If you had, or may have had, COVID-19 you should still get the vaccine. This is because you may not be immune to the virus that causes COVID-19 and could get infected and sick again.

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9. In the event of a COVID-19 exposure, affected parties will be contacted
10. We appreciate and understand that everyone's level of comfort and tolerance for risk will be different. We ask that all of our instructors, students, and other third parties continue to treat every person without judgement, with respect and with kindness.
11. Be respectful of others' personal space and continue to practice good hygiene, including frequent handwashing.
12. Any communication from CAM that comes after the posted date of this policy will be accepted as new policy and will replace any outdated sections of the policy contained within this document.
13. CAM Policy on communicable diseases is informed by, but not limited to, guidance from British Columbia's Health Minister, WorkSafeBC, Fraser Health Authority, the City of Chilliwack, and Actsafe. In addition, the particular needs of our organization are assessed internally before policy is set.