

Coronavirus: Summer 2021

Guidelines for physical lessons, practice, and live performance.



UMC is essentially a school environment. In compliance with [MDH](#) and [CDC](#) guidelines, and for the safety of our students, families and instructors we are ⁵continuing to require masks to be worn while in the common areas of our facility. Each individual instructor, student, and if applicable, parent/guardian, will determine whether or not masks need to be worn inside *individual* teaching studios during lessons.

We invite each student to request and participate in whatever precautions would make them comfortable during individual lessons. This includes mask wearing, the use of plexi barriers, and social distancing.

Further updates will be posted here on our website as overall conditions progress.

From [The Minnesota Department of Education](#):

⁵*On May 13, 2021, Governor Walz announced an end to Minnesota's statewide mask requirement. However, the CDC has not yet provided clear guidance for school settings, but has stated that they expect to update guidance for children in school and summer camps soon. Additionally, our youngest Minnesotans remain ineligible for vaccines and eligibility for 12- to 15-year-olds was just announced this week. As a result, Minnesota's Safe Learning Plan, along with the existing face covering guidance for schools and child care settings, remain in effect. **Through the end of the 2020-21 school year (last teacher contact day), masks must continue to be worn by everyone inside school buildings or on a school bus.***

We are asking for your continued cooperation to protect yourself and others!

1. STAY HOME: If the student or student's guardian/guest is feeling any illness or Coronavirus symptoms, please stay home, get tested if possible, and consider using our online lesson program. If you need to cancel a lesson or string of lessons due to illness, you will not be penalized. As of the date of this plan publication, ¹Center for Disease Control (CDC) symptom list is as follows:

- Fever
- Shortness of breath
- Cough
- Chills and shaking
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Loss of taste/smell

If you are unsure, and are unable to get tested, practice "better safe than sorry."



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2. SOCIAL DISTANCING: The ²MDH defines “social distancing” as follows: *Social distancing refers to measures being taken to restrict where and when people can gather in order to stop or slow the spread of infectious disease. In general, 6 feet of separation is the distance that should be kept between people interacting within their community.*

In accordance with MDH and CDC guidelines, we will remind students to practice “no-touch” greetings, to utilize hand sanitizer, and maintain 6 feet of distance from others in the facility. For extra precaution, our instructors will be wearing masks in all common areas, and we ask our students and guests to wear masks in all common areas as well. Please provide your own mask.

Our studios will be equipped with Plexiglas dividers, to ensure safe space when 6 feet isn’t feasible, and when students and instructors need to “de-mask” for lesson purposes. According to the ²MDH recommendations for school facilities, this flexibility from 6 feet distancing is acceptable. Instructors and students will determine if plexi barriers are to be utilized during individual lessons.

Our instructors will continue utilize writing utensils dedicated to their person, and other often “shared” office materials. We ask our students to also dedicate such items as necessary, and to not bring any “non-essentials” into the space during this time.

3. DISENFECTING: The ^{3,4}CDC recommends that school facilities use the following guidelines for cleaning and disinfecting: *Cleaning should be done around all areas, such as offices, bathrooms, common areas, shared electronic equipment, touch screens, keyboards, handles, etc. Open doors and windows for clean air and circulation.*

In accordance with these guidelines, we will disinfect all surfaces and equipment, including doorknobs, instruments, tables and surfaces, electronic devices, keyboards, and anything specifically touched by a student or instructor. This will be done on a lesson-by-lesson basis as well as a daily basis. Windows and doors will be opened to promote air circulation on a daily basis.

¹Hand washing and hygiene habits are imperative to combating the spread of coronavirus. As UMC does not have running water in our building, we will be providing hand sanitizer and disinfecting spray/wipes at all times. Our off-site lavatory facility will be available and stocked with antibacterial soap as well.

Resources:

¹https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fabout%2Fsymptoms.html

²<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/socialdistance.pdf>



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³<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/cleaning-disinfection.html>

⁴<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/cleaning-disinfection.html>

⁵<https://education.mn.gov/MDE/dse/health/covid19/>

