

Chilliwack Academy of Music Communicable Disease Policy

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A Brief Overview

April 8, 2022 (updates are top of the list, bold and in italics)

- ***Social distancing of 6 feet is recommended between student and faculty.***
- ***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.***
- ***Lessons should be attended by student and faculty only.***
- ***One parent or one helper of the student may attend the lesson with approval of the faculty, but must maintain social distance as requested.***
- ***Masks are strongly encouraged at all times in the Chilliwack Academy of Music for the safety of our collective families.***
- Proof of vaccination is required for age 12 and up to enter the Chilliwack Academy of Music.
- Any person who is not vaccinated will be able to take online music lessons.
- 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 the Chilliwack Academy of Music 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 heed Dr. Bonnie Henry's advice to be kind, be calm, and be safe. The Chilliwack Academy of Music does not tolerate any abuse, including verbal abuse, towards teachers, students, Academy 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 faculty, 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. The Chilliwack Academy of Music recommends the COVID-19 vaccination for all faculty and students 12 and older.
2. Vaccinations are essential for the Academy to operate safely. Here are the top reasons why:
 - Faculty often work with vulnerable members of the public, such as elderly or medically compromised people.
 - Faculty are best able to support student learning if they can work in close proximity of less than two metres from each other.
 - The Academy 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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- 4. *Parents can assist with limiting social contact by dropping off students outside, and waiting in the car to pick up students outside.***
- 5. *If the student prefers to attend lessons masked, the teacher will also mask for the lessons.***
- 6. *Lessons are preferred as student and faculty only where possible.***
- 7. *One parent or one helper of the student may attend the lesson with approval of the faculty, but must maintain social distance as requested.***
- 8. *Masks are strongly encouraged at all times in the Chilliwack Academy of Music for the safety of our collective families.***
9. Proof of COVID vaccination is required for age 12 and up.
10. In order to protect the students and faculty on the premises, those who are not vaccinated will not be allowed entry into the Academy premises. The Academy will accommodate persons who are not vaccinated with online services.
11. 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>
12. In the event of a COVID-19 exposure, an email will be sent to all students and faculty in the same studio to notify all those potentially affected. Vaccination information that is voluntarily disclosed to staff or faculty will not be shared unless required by law.
13. Anyone who breaches this policy will be determined to be endangering the health and safety of the Chilliwack Academy of Music, and placing the students and faculty at risk of COVID-19. Persons breaching this policy will be asked to leave the premises immediately.
14. We appreciate and understand that everyone's level of comfort and tolerance for risk will be different. We ask that all of our faculty, students, and other third parties continue to treat every person without judgement, with respect and with kindness.
15. Be respectful of others' personal space and continue to practice good hygiene, including frequent handwashing.
16. Any communication from the Chilliwack Academy of Music 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.
17. The Chilliwack Academy of Music 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.