

Health Policy and COVID-19 (updated May 2022)

At Music Together of South Dayton, we are closely monitoring the situation regarding COVID-19 and its evolving impact on our local community. As you know, this is a rapidly changing situation, and we hope to offer in-person class opportunities again. In the meantime, we have revised our health policy using guidance from the CDC about best practices to prevent the spread of all germs and ensure your continued health and well-being.

We ask for your help in keeping all the members of our musical community healthy by following these protocols. Our classes may have immune-compromised individuals (including pregnant women) who may be more susceptible to viral respiratory infections, including influenza and COVID-19, so your vigilance and adherence to this health policy is extremely important. **Our teachers reserve the right to send a family home from class if they feel these sickness protocols are not being followed!**

Fall 2021 Health Policy for Music Together of South Dayton – OUTDOOR In-Person Classes

Basic Outdoor Class Protocols

- Families will sit at least 6 feet apart on their own blankets. We anticipate the wandering child, as developmentally it is natural for them to do so; we expect families to help guide their child back to their designated place in the circle.
- Masks are **OPTIONAL** for adults and participants over 5 years old to wear, but all child and adult participants are encouraged to wear one.
- Plan to bring your own "props" (don't worry - we will help you prepare your music "kit"!)
- NO food allowed in the class space
- Indoor facilities/restrooms will be CLOSED to participants during class

Family Health Protocols

- Upon arrival to class, families may be asked to answer questions on our **Wellness Checklist**.
- Restrooms will not be available to outdoor participants, so please plan ahead and bring sanitizer or wipes if you need to keep hands or objects clean.
- Please respect the distance of other families and prepare your children to stay within their own space/blanket area. We know that it's not developmentally appropriate to expect children to stay in one place/not wander during class; however, it's essential that we take extra care to keep one another safe during this time.
- Fist-bump, air five or wave instead of shaking hands or hugging.

Illness Policy

- We encourage you to take your temperature and your child's temperature before coming to class. If you or your child is sick, **please stay home** until you are fully recovered. If you or your child has had a fever, you must be fever-free for at least 24 hours (without assistance of fever-reducing medication) before returning to class.
- If you or your child becomes ill with something contagious after you were in class, please contact us immediately.

Cancellations/Make Ups

If we need to cancel an outdoor class due to inclement weather, we will do our best to reschedule another outdoor class based on space availability. Otherwise, we will offer an online class option as an alternative.

Fall 2021 Health Policy for Music Together of South Dayton – INDOOR In-Person Classes

Basic Indoor Class Protocols

- Families will sit between 3 and 6 feet apart. We anticipate the wandering child, as developmentally it is natural for them to do so; we expect families to help guide their child back to their designated place in the circle.
- Masks are **OPTIONAL** for adults and participants over 5 years old to wear, but all child and adult participants are encouraged to wear one. If you choose to not wear a mask, we ask that you respect the space of other families during class, especially as you are singing.
- Plan to bring your own "props" (don't worry - we will help you prepare your music "kit"!)
- NO food allowed in the class space

Classroom Cleaning Protocols

- All instruments that were distributed will be disinfected between classes and the end of the day with hospital-grade sanitizing disinfectant.
- Classroom surfaces will be cleaned and sanitized daily.
- Some instruments and props may be taken out of circulation.
- Alcohol-based hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes will be available for use during class.

Family Health Protocols

- We ask that all adults and children wash their hands before and after class for at least 20 seconds, or use hand sanitizer. **(Sing the "Hello Song" to all the members of your family: that'll be at least 20 seconds!)** Please arrive a few minutes early to allow time for this.
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow. **(Practice this with our chant, "I'm freezing, I'm freezing . . . sneezing . . . Achoo! Achoo!")** Afterwards, wash your hands or use the provided hand sanitizer or sanitizing wipes.
- Fist-bump, air five or wave instead of shaking hands or hugging.

Illness Policy

- Upon arrival to class, families may be asked to answer questions on our **Wellness Checklist**.
- If you or your child is sick, **please stay home** until you are fully recovered. If you or your child has had a fever, you must be fever-free for at least 24 hours (without assistance of fever-reducing medication) before returning to class.
- If you or your child becomes ill with something contagious after you were in class, please contact us immediately.

Scheduling a Make Up

Due to the current limits for indoor class sizes, seating available for class make ups will also be more limited than in the past. We will do our best to offer both indoor and outdoor make up options based on each family's situation and space availability.

Questions?

Contact Director Heather Goertemiller at mtsouthdayton@gmail.com, or 614-499-4133, with your questions about this health policy or our plans for responding to COVID-19.

Thank you for your help in making our classes a welcome, safe, and happy environment for all. Let's keep the music playing!