

# CORONAVIRUS LESSON/ MASK POLICY

## Children's Small Group Classes:

It's been quite a year! We are excited about the **BEAUTIFUL NEW LOCATION** we will be moving into at the end of September. We needed more space due to coronavirus. We are blessed to be able to provide an 800 square foot classroom space with a separate entrance as soon as we can get it ready for you. That's almost twice the size of our current classroom. It is only .2 mile (5 minutes) away from our current location.

### ***Many have asked whether classes might be shut down again. The answer is NO!***

We have researched what schools across the country are doing, spoken with Governor Little's office and discussed at length how to make music fun and engaging like always. Mapping out the large new space, we will be able move around freely doing music together without close contact (except for family members, who will be sharing many close experiences with one another in class). I know children all over have missed the social interaction with other students this year. We can make music together and chase those blues away (and play some blues too!). Lots of hand sanitizer is available from us to you.

We will be using our current classroom for most of the month of September, spaced out like the end of last semester, until the new space is finished.

This fall we are ready to do music with your family in whatever form you wish.

- Many are doing in-person classes.
- Some are joining us online in September and moving to in-person when we move to the larger facility.
- Some are joining online each week until the coronavirus situation clears up more completely. We are taking steps to make our online students feel more like they are a part of the group, like having the class greet online students and showing them who is in class. Online students will participate like any other student (we recommend obtaining some rhythm instruments to help with online learning). This year we will not pre-record lessons. It will be up to the online student to show up to class at the regular time and/or make a recording of the session. We can help you in setting up the recording. It's easy!

**Because the lessons involve singing we cannot wear masks in class.** If you prefer to have an added layer of protection we have successfully tested using face shields. Our drum head manufacturer is supplying them to us. *Face shields are available for purchase in our music store.* Our class teachers will not be wearing them in class but will wear face coverings in hallways and any place we cannot stay apart according to the government order.

## Private Lessons:

We are happy to do in-person or online lessons via Zoom, Skype or Facetime. In-person lessons will be spaced at least 6 feet apart between teacher and student. Some lessons may involve masks, others don't depending on individual circumstances, for example voice, brass and woodwind lessons cannot be done with a mask on. Face shields may be a reasonable substitute if desired, such as in a vocal lesson. *Face shields are available for purchase in our music store.*