

Hello Parents and Students,

March 15, 2020

The Northwest Academy of Music has been monitoring the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) into the United States through the Washington State Department of Health, Idaho Panhandle Health District and been in communication with the health department of the Coeur d'Alene School District. We have been putting in place recommended precautions and distributing official information regarding the virus.

Group Classes: We have made the unprecedented move to cancel all in-person children's music classes beginning March 16. We will provide each piano class to students via online video. We will send a link to each child's weekly class as we create the video lessons. Toddler and Preschool lessons will be delayed and made up at the end of the semester.

Private Lessons: We have cancelled all in-person music lessons beginning March 23. March 16-20 we are transitioning to online lessons, doing a combination of online and in-person lessons as we make the transition with each individual student. Lessons will be conducted via Skype or Facetime unless other arrangements are made with your teacher. Private teachers will remain in contact with their students regarding this.

Our office will remain open, as will the music store.

Thank you for your understanding. We want to keep your family and our teachers safe, especially since there is the possibility that COVID-19 could soon be entering our community. Although it appears the virus does not affect children as severely as adults, we have some staff members who are in the age group in which there is the highest incidence of fatalities.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to call me.

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