

COVID SAFETY IN THE SK MUSIC CLASSROOM

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ARE GUIDELINES. PLEASE REFER TO AND FOLLOW YOUR SCHOOL DIVISION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES IN ADDITION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN GUIDELINES RELATING TO COVID-19, SCHOOLS AND PUBLIC GATHERINGS.



BCMEA

For more detailed information, teaching strategies and guidelines please check out the BCMEA and OMEA documents by using the QR codes



OMEA

GUIDING PRINCIPLES



one-way entry and exit routes so students do not cross



instruments are kept with the students and not stored together



all seating facing the same direction (no circles etc)



sanitize or wash hands before and after each class



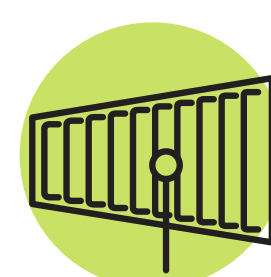
teachers should use disposable gloves with coming in contact with saliva



do not share printed materials, music, tuners, pencils etc



sanitize and wipe down all chairs, stands and touch points after class



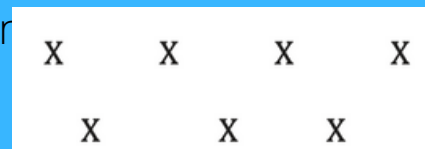
do not share instruments and sanitize all mallets etc at the end of class

CONCERT BAND PRECAUTIONS

- Ensure 4m spacing between each musician
- Each percussionists should provide their own mallets and sticks
- Masks and bells covers for instruments
- Sanitary disposal of instrument condensation
- Digital, recorded, or live streamed concerts suggested until large group restrictions are lifted. Follow school guidelines.
- Never share reeds, mouthpieces or wind instruments
- Sanitize personal equipment often, especially cleaning tools
- Follow NAFME cleaning guides lines

CHOIR PRECAUTIONS

- Seat singers 4m apart in a staggered formation without masks 2m with masks.
- Do not share materials
- Use as large of a space as possible to host rehearsals
 - Access to outdoor space or the gym can facilitate this
- Consider alternate singing techniques like humming and syllables



GENERAL MUSIC

- Sanitize instruments before distribution and after collections. Use alcohol wipes of 70% concentration or more. Keep a record of your sanitation procedure. Where possible, run plastic instruments through the dishwasher.
- Where possible, students should have their own Instruments. Use a ziplock bag with dowels, egg shakers etc to create an individual instrument kit.
- Follow the choral guidelines listed above for singing
- For young children, effective use of soap and water before and after class is essential
- Plan for activities that avoid sharing instruments such as body percussion, mirror activities and listening.