

Covid-19 Protocols for In-Person Lessons

Fall 2021

In an effort to protect the health of everyone in the studio, we will follow the protocols outlined below for in-person lessons. Despite our best efforts to ensure safety, if you choose to participate in in-person lessons, it is with the understanding that there is a possible risk of exposure to SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes Covid-19. As the conditions of the pandemic are ever-changing, **you or I may request at any time to return to online lessons.**

COVID-19 VACCINATION REQUIREMENT

My household is fully vaccinated. In-person lessons are **open to all students who are fully vaccinated.** Students who are not yet eligible for the vaccine — currently children **under the age of 12** — may attend in-person lessons provided:

- All eligible members of their household are fully vaccinated.
- Student will be vaccinated within two months of becoming eligible (either when child turns 12 or announced CDC approval for child's age group).

MASKS

Masks are **required for everyone in the studio** (me, student, parent/guardian) regardless of vaccination status. Please put on your mask before coming inside. Masks must cover your nose and mouth and be **well-fitted** with no obvious gaps.

HAND WASHING

Either wash your hands or use hand sanitizer before your lesson. Hand sanitizer will be available on a table inside the waiting room.

ILLNESS

If you or any members of your household are **at all sick** (even with a cold!) or have had **recent exposure** to a confirmed case of Covid-19, **do not come to the studio.** If you feel well enough for a lesson, we will do an **online lesson** instead. The same holds for me and my household.

Symptoms that warrant staying home include: fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath, congestion or runny nose unrelated to allergies, fatigue, muscle or body

aches, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, diarrhea, nausea or vomiting. **When in doubt, please stay home!**

REPORTING POSITIVE COVID-19 TESTS

If you or a member of your household **tests positive** for Covid-19, please notify me within 24 hours. While maintaining confidentiality, I will notify the households of students who may have been exposed, and the studio will revert to **online lessons** for a minimum of two weeks.

ASYMPTOMATIC TESTING

UMass Amherst currently offers free asymptomatic Covid-19 testing to the community. As long as this resource is offered, **I will be tested weekly**. While not required for in-person lessons, I do encourage asymptomatic testing; it's a highly effective way to mitigate Covid-19 transmission.

VENTILATION

Weather permitting, all windows in the studio will be open with a small fan blowing outside to increase ventilation. I'll be running a HEPA air purifier (Blue Pure 211+) continuously in the room. The purifier has a CADR of 350 cfm and will give our studio over 6 air changes per hour.