

GYMC Phase 1 – updated September 24, 2020

Private, one-on-one lessons and distanced group lessons only will be permitted in Phase 1 for string, piano or percussion instruments, or any other activity where masks can be worn and safe distancing assured.

- We ask that those programs with an intention to begin/resume lessons forward a document with their protocols/safety measures to Valerie. We anticipate these will align with those of the GYMC in accordance with WDGPH safety measures/directives.
- We ask that resuming programs/teachers supply the office with an updated schedule based on safety measures and re-opening hours of operation. PLEASE INCLUDE start and end times which take set-up, clean-up and sanitizing into account.
- Prior to resuming lessons, a studio assessment will be done to ensure that a safe 2-metre distance is possible. Please check with Valerie.
 - If the room can not ensure distancing safety, another room will have to be assigned/rented.
- Prior to resuming lessons, each student, parent or musician must answer a COVID 19 questionnaire and sign the waiver located on the GYMC website.
<https://www.cognitofrms.com/GYMC1/GYMCCOVID19LiabilityRelease>
- Without exception, everyone entering the GYMC must wear a mask.

Acceptable Face Coverings:

- Non-medical, 2 or 3-ply cloth face mask covering both nose and chin without gaping.
- Non-medical, 2 or 3-ply pleated cloth face mask covering both nose and chin without gaping.
- Medical masks (note these do not include N95 masks which should be reserved for front-line workers).

Non-acceptable face coverings:

- Face shields
- Bandanas
- Neck gaiters
- Hands must be washed or sanitized upon entry. Each person entering the building must provide their own mask. (At their discretion, the teacher may provide masks and hand sanitizers.)
- The GYMC will limit the number of people in the building to ensure safety.
- There will be a hand-sanitizing station in the GYMC entryway, and at the top of the grand staircase, and in each hallway leading to the girls' & boys' bathrooms. We hope to have hand sanitizers located outside each studio.
- Each teacher/program leader must ensure they have adequate safety items: sanitizing wipes, masks, and any other items needed to ensure the studio is sanitized (common touch areas) prior to leaving for the day.
- GYMC hours of operation will be determined/adjusted to allow additional time to clean and sanitize the building each day.

- If a child shows symptoms of COVID 19, they must be escorted to an isolated room where an adult will wait with them until the parent/guardian arrives.
 - The adult must have on a gown, mask, gloves and face shield.
- **If an adult shows/feels symptoms, they must leave the building immediately.**
- Private, one-on-one lessons only will be permitted in Phase 1 for string, piano or percussion instruments, or any other activity where masks can be worn and safe distancing assured.
 - Each student will be met at the door by their teacher. Hands must be sanitized, or washed in the community room prior to entering the main building. Parents will wait outside the GYMC when possible, until the student is brought to them at the end of the lesson.
 - If a parent accompanies the child, they must also wash or sanitize their hands. Only one parent will be permitted per student.
 - If two students from the same family are present for a lesson, they must stand together (as a bubble), with the teacher 6 feet away.
 - UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES will a parent or student wait in any corridor/hallway/common space inside the building. If not in a lesson, they must wait outside the GYMC building.
 - UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES are masks to be removed while in the building, with one exception: **An individual may remove their mask while alone in a private office/studio with the door closed.**
 - We recommend no sharing of instruments or sheet music.
 - Each teacher will be responsible for cleaning/sanitizing instruments, music stands, etc. as needed.
 - When you leave a non-private studio for the day, please remove all social distancing markers.
 - After the lesson, the teacher will escort the student out of the building.

**No walk-in enquiries at this time, please.
Only scheduled appointments and lessons are allowed.
Please contact the office to make an appointment.
519-837-1119**

The GYMC hopes to move to Stage 2 in the Fall of 2020. As more information about COVID-19 becomes available, the GYMC will review its safety protocols and revise as appropriate, in accordance with the Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health Unit.

