

**Pakachoag Music School Summer Music & Movement Sampler Classes and COVID-19**

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One year after returning Music Together classes to in-person with several health and safety policies in place, we are preparing for the possibility of lifting some or all protocols that were employed in Summer 2021. Any changes surrounding these policies are subject to protocols and practices of the partner organizations who provide space for Music Together and Rhythm Kids classes.

We continue to draw guidance from the CDC about the best practices to prevent the spread of all germs and ensure your continued health and well-being.

**2022 Health Policy for Summer Music & Movement Sampler Classes with Pakachoag**

We ask for your help in keeping all the members of our musical community healthy by following these protocols. Our classes may have immune-compromised individuals (including pregnant women) who may be more susceptible to viral respiratory infections, including influenza and COVID-19, so your vigilance and adherence to this health policy is extremely important. Our teachers reserve the right to send a family home from class if they feel these sickness protocols are not being followed.

While some participants and teachers may have completed the vaccination process, we will operate under the assumption that some members of our music classes and community may not be vaccinated.

How we operate and this policy is subject to update as we stay abreast of state and national health recommendations related to COVID-19, vaccinations, and COVID-19 variants.

**Guidelines for In-person Classes**

- Indoor classes will take place in large, open areas to allow for adequate social distancing and ventilation.
- There will be a maximum of 10 families per class, not exceeding two adults per family group.
- Each family will be assigned a 6-foot radius “fish bowl” participation pod in a “U” shape around the teacher.
- Each family will be required to complete a *COVID-19 Arrival Sign-In for In-Person Activities* form upon arrival at each class. Forms will be on clipboards in the center of each participation pod and are to be dropped off in a central box, with clipboard, immediately once completed.
- Please maintain a distance of 6 feet from other families and the teacher at all times. If a child wanders toward others, grownups can quickly swim (maybe even “glub-glub”ing in their ear) and scoop up their child, bringing them back to their “fish bowls” for more musical fun. We know that it’s not developmentally appropriate to expect children to stay in one place/not wander during class; *however, it’s essential that we take extra care to keep one another safe during this time.*
- In keeping with state and local mandates, children over the age of 5 and adults are required to wear masks at arrival, during class, and through departure. The mandate allows for an exception for residents who cannot wear a face-covering due to a medical or disabling condition. *All unmasked individuals must remain on their “fish bowl” participation pod at all times.*
- Families will bring their own instruments and props to each class. The teacher will let families know in advance what home items might make a good substitute for actual instruments. Gathering items before the first class is required; and keeping them in a bag or box to have handy each week is essential for class participation.

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### Additional Family Health Protocols

- You must bring their own hand sanitizer and sanitization wipes. We ask that all adults and children wash or sanitize their hands before and after class. Hand sanitizer and extra masks will be available, if needed.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow. Please take used tissues home with you. If coughing or sneezing, please immediately clean your hands with a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Please plan to come hydrated and bring your own water bottles.
- Wave instead of shaking hands or hugging.

### Illness Policy

- If you or your child is sick, **please stay home** until you are fully recovered. If you or your child has had a fever, you must be fever-free for at least 72 hours (without assistance of fever-reducing medication) before returning to class.
- If you or your child becomes ill with something contagious after you were in class, please email [info@pakmusic.org](mailto:info@pakmusic.org) to let us know right away.

### Make-Up Policy

One missed in-person class may only be made up on another day. Availability for makeup classes is limited and not guaranteed. Please check with [chris@pakmusic.org](mailto:chris@pakmusic.org) or [julie@pakmusic.org](mailto:julie@pakmusic.org) for availability.

### Questions?

Please reach out to Chris Wychorski, Registrar if you have questions regarding schedules and make-ups. [chris@pakmusic.org](mailto:chris@pakmusic.org).

If you have questions regarding this policy or questions related your time in class, please email Kristjon Imperio, Director of Programs & Engagement. [kristjon@pakmusic.org](mailto:kristjon@pakmusic.org).