

2022-2023 Policies for Music Together with Pakachoag

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Our Music Together classes for 2022-2023 are held in-person and indoors. While we continue to work towards in-person activities, ongoing consideration to health and safety needs of both teachers and families during this time remains a priority. All protocols and practices are subject to any requirements of the partner organizations who provide space for Music Together and Rhythm Kids classes.

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 yet be vaccinated.

These policies and our operations are subject to updates throughout the year as we stay abreast of state and national health recommendations related to COVID-19, vaccinations, and COVID-19 variants.

Health & Safety Protocols

Indoor classes are scheduled in a larger-than-usual space to allow for social distancing recommendations and adequate ventilation.

- **Masks are required of all attendees over the age of 5.** Exceptions are made for residents who cannot wear a face-covering due to a medical or disabling condition and for children under the age of 5.
- **Maintain social distancing from other families, as possible.** While stationary “participation pods” for each family are necessary, group movement activities around the room/area are used as part of the curriculum. If a child wanders toward others, grownups are expected to bring them back to their “pod” 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.
- **No more than 2 adults per family/participation pod.** The school and/or partner organizations reserve the right to enact a maximum 1 adult allowance per family/participation pod policy. This determination will be made on the basis of space allowance and distancing requirements.
- **Families are encouraged to bring their own hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, and tissues.** We may not have these items available, due to possible market shortages affecting our stock.
- **All children must be accompanied to the bathroom.** Please monitor and wipe down with sanitizing wipes all surfaces touched/used during your visit. Wipes can be taken home or disposed of in waste baskets. Please be sure hands are washed for 20 seconds before leaving the bathroom.

Additional Family Health Practices

We ask that all adults and children wash or sanitize their hands before and after class for at least 20 seconds. (Sing the “Hello Song” to all the members of your family: that’ll be at least 20 seconds!) **Please arrive a few minutes early to allow time for this.**

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 or wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

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 24 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 to let us know right away.

Make-Up Policies • Outdoor & Remote Transfers

One make-up class is available per session, typically a Saturday morning at or towards the end of each session. This class will be held in-person unless class size, health/safety concerns, and/or other conditions require a remote transfer. If circumstances warrant flexibility, families may be allowed to carry over make-ups to a future session.

If the CDC, state/local guidelines, and/or our partnering organizations require in-person, indoor activities to cease due to COVID-19 and/or variants, classes will transfer to outdoor session (weather and/or space permitting) or remote sessions at the same day and time as scheduled in-person classes (links provided in advance). If classes are transferred to outdoors, we strongly recommend bringing a large waterproof tablecloth and/or a thick blanket to stay dry on your participation pod. **Blankets are not required for indoor classes.**

Please...

NO Toys, Food or Drinks (other than water) during class.
If necessary, **take phone calls outside of the classroom.**

Thank you

Questions?

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