



COVID-19 UPDATE: JUNE 7, 2021

Hi CSA Families,

Congratulations again on amazing spring performances for our music, dance, theatre & preschool students! We are now turning our attention towards summer and fall as we jump full speed into summer with music lessons resuming June 7th and summer classes and camps starting June 14th.

I'm so proud of how our team worked tirelessly to deliver our Safer Studio™ plan over the last 15 months and unbelievably thankful for the support from our students and studio families through it all!

As we move into summer, we are re-evaluating our Safer Studio policies. Vaccines are now widely available, Missouri's positivity rates are declining, and county and school mandates are lifting and lightening. The CDC issued new guidelines on May 13 stating that fully vaccinated individuals can feel safe without a mask regardless of location, activity, or crowd size.

It is after thoughtful consideration of these factors that we make the following plan to return-to-normal operations:

- Effective today, June 7, 2021, we are transitioning from requiring masks to following the CDC guidelines with masks being optional for fully vaccinated individuals and strongly recommended for non-vaccinated individuals. This policy applies to our students, guests and CS Staff.
- We recognize that private music lessons with the student and teacher in a one-on-one setting in close proximity for 30 minutes is a unique situation. If you would like to have your music student and the teacher continue to wear a mask during lessons, please let us know- we are happy to do so!
- We are still encouraging hand washing and hand sanitizing and ask families to keep children at home if they are sick.
- We will end temperature checking for staff and transition to self-monitoring for symptoms.
- Zoom will remain an option for attending classes and lessons.

We are taking measured steps back to normal during the lower enrollment period of summer so that we can watch for impacts and trends before the start of fall classes on August 9. CSA reserves the right to pause or reverse its return-to-normal plan at any time. Any Covid-positive staff members and students will still be expected to stay home until they are out of the CDC recommended isolation window.

Although many of us will feel relieved to read this announcement, many also will feel concerned about and may choose to continue wearing their mask. Some students may be contending with additional health problems, some might have a particularly vulnerable family member at home, or they might simply choose to wear their mask. CSA warmly welcomes EACH family to make the choice that is right for them and encourages parents to talk to their children about this transitional period as well.

We continue to encourage the kindness and empathy which you have shown since the very beginning and we thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Your CSA Team