

## COVID-19 PROTOCOLS FOR IN-PERSON LESSONS

Geoffrey James Lee School of Music  
Timmins Symphony Orchestra  
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Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and in accordance with Ontario Stage 3 re-opening and Porcupine Health Unit recommendations, the Geoffrey James Lee School of Music will be operating using the protocols listed below for our 2020-21 school year.

Please note that, due to the fluidity of the COVID situation, there may be amendments or alterations to these directives throughout the course of the year, in order to adhere to local, provincial, and national health recommendations.

### General Music School Protocols:

1. All students must complete a short online screening form before entering our offices. The form will be accessible on the TSO website at <https://www.timminsymphony.com/>
2. All persons (students, parents, teachers, staff, etc.) must wash or sanitize their hands immediately upon entering the music school. Sanitizer will be provided.
3. Masks must be worn at all times while inside the school, except by wind, brass, and vocal students and teachers when they are inside the Contactless Studio. *Exceptions outlined by the Porcupine Health Unit include children under two years, people with medical conditions such as difficulty breathing, or those who cannot remove their masks without assistance.*
4. All persons must maintain a distance of 6 feet (2 meters) from anyone who is not a part of their immediate household or social bubble, except for very brief teacher interactions during lessons.
5. There will be a minimum 15-minute break between each lesson in order to sanitize shared equipment and ventilate lesson studios.
6. Please DO NOT bring your child for an in-person lesson if they have any symptoms of illness, or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19.
7. Parents/guardians who wish to accompany students to lessons must remain in the lesson studio with the student and teacher for the entire duration of the lesson. There will be no communal waiting-room this year. It is preferable for parents/guardians to drop students off at the beginning of their lesson and pick them up at the end.
8. All instruments, cases, knapsacks, sheet music, and other lesson accessories must remain in the studio with the student, and be taken out at the end of the lesson.
9. There will be no food or drink allowed in the Music school, with the exception of re-usable water bottles.

### Contactless Studio Protocols

1. All audio and visual equipment will be controlled from the teacher's room. Please do not touch any equipment unless instructed to do so by your teacher.
2. You are not required to wear a mask while singing or playing a wind/brass instrument, but you must put your mask back on before leaving the studio.
3. You may not sing or play your wind/brass instrument outside of the contactless studio.

4. Wind/brass musicians, please bring an absorbent pad of some kind (cloth, cardboard, newspaper, etc.) to empty your water onto. Make sure to take these with you at the end of the lesson.

Thank you very much for your co-operation in this matter---we are very much looking forward to resuming music lessons, and we are committed to keeping all of our staff, students, and parent/guardians safe. If you agree to these conditions, please return this form, signed by both you and your child (unless the student is 18 years of age or older, in which case they may sign the form themselves) to your teacher, in addition to the other registration forms.

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I have read and agree to observe all Geoffrey James Lee School of Music COVID-19 Protocols.

Signed,

Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_