



## Health and Safety Guidelines for Indoor and Outdoor Classes

In consideration of the COVID-19 pandemic and the health and safety of all families who attend Music Together® classes in person we will be following guidelines as set by the State of CT, the CDC, and the National Association for Music Educators, for both INDOOR AND OUTDOOR CLASSES.

Please read through the guidelines that pertain to your class choice carefully. Checking the box on registration indicates that you understand and agree to these guidelines.

### **INDOOR GUIDELINES:**

To keep everyone safe and able to sing indoors, Music Together of Fairfield County has worked with each location be sure that the following areas are addressed:

- We have found large rooms to hold classes so that everyone will feel safe. The rooms are well ventilated and have high ceilings. At our Westport and Greenwich studios, we will be operating with smaller than normal class sizes. Both locations have undergone renovation to allow for excellent room ventilation, UV lighting, and complete disinfecting after every use.
- Distancing at a minimum of 6 feet; in most locations this will be 8 feet. We are operating well under the actual room capacity for every class.
- Smaller than normal class sizes if necessary due to room size.
- All classes are a cohort; there are no in-person makeups or drop ins allowed.
- All locations will be properly ventilated to allow for at least one complete air exchange per hour.
- All locations will be disinfected between classes, and a complete room cleaning and disinfection process will take place on a daily basis at the end of the teaching day.
- Where allowed, UV lighting has been installed in the HVAC units.

1. Before every class, participants will be required to fill out a basic health screening consisting of these 5 questions that will be sent via text message.

\*Do you currently have any symptoms of a cold or flu?

\*Have you or anyone in your household been diagnosed with the COVID- 19 virus?

\*Have you traveled internationally (or just travelled) in the last 14 days?

\*Have you or anyone in your household been directed to self quarantine ?

\* Have you checked your temperature and your child's temperature before you leave the house? If it is 100 degrees F or above please refrain from attending class on that day.

2. Please refrain from attending class you've been diagnosed with coronavirus, if you or your child(ren) have been in close proximity to someone who has recently had the coronavirus, if you or your children are feeling sick, have a fever, a cough, or are experiencing general difficulty breathing.

3. If you or anyone in your family have been in close contact as defined by the state of CT with a person who has tested positive after attending an MTFC class or at any time during the semester, you are required to report that immediately to our office by text or email.

4. Please refrain from attending class if you've been diagnosed with coronavirus, if you or your child(ren) have been in close proximity to someone who has recently had the coronavirus, if you or your children are feeling sick, have a fever, a cough, or are experiencing general difficulty breathing. For those registered for the Winter 1 or Winter 2 Indoor class semesters, a credit, pro-rated if necessary, will be offered should you need to cancel your registration due to a COVID- 19 diagnosis.

Individual missed classes can be made up using our online Zoom class scheduler; there will be no refunds or credits offered for individual missed classes. Contact our office with questions/concerns.

5. If you or anyone in your family or have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 after attending an MTFC class or at any time during the semester, you are required to report that immediately to our office by text or email and refrain from attending classes in -person until you have quarantined for 14 days and had a negative COVID- 19 test.

6. Please wash your hands frequently, and before and after attending our classes. Bathrooms are available in each location, and a sanitizing station will be in place with hand sanitizer and alcohol wipes. We recommend that every family bring their own hand sanitizer as well.

7. Upon entering the building, children and adults will be required to maintain a minimum of a 6 foot distance between themselves and other participants who are not in

the same family or other cohort. This could be challenging as children naturally tend to be social and it is not the norm to ask them to keep separate from another family. However, we will be asking every family to be responsible to keep the appropriate distance with their children. Please be aware of this guideline and help us to maintain it!

8. Children age 3 and over will be required to wear masks during the entire class unless doing so would be contrary to their health or safety due to medical conditions. Please contact our office if your child has a documented medical condition, special health care need, or developmental need for whom wearing a mask or face covering would be contrary to their needs.

9. Adults shall wear a surgical style face mask or other covering for their nose and mouth during the indoor Music Together class at all times, unless doing so would be contrary to his or her health or safety due to medical conditions, and except when eating.

10. The Music Together Teacher will be teaching from a 12 ft distance in relationship to the participants and will be wearing a mask at all times.

11. Families will be advised about what to bring from home for instruments or props. Instrument sets are available for sale on our website under " Store."

12. Each location will have a procedure for entering and exiting the building, and each family will need to follow that location's protocol. Failure to do so may prevent you from participating in the class on that day.

13. If a class location or building is temporarily/short shut down (up to 3 weeks) due to potential COVID-19 cases in the building, classes will be held on Zoom at the same day and time as the regular in-person class. If there is a town or community shut down and we are no longer allowed to hold in-person classes, classes will be held on Zoom or you will be given the option of a credit for use in the Winter II or Spring 2021 semesters. In the event of snow days or other serious weather issues, classes will be held on Zoom at the same day and time of the regular in-person class. Families who miss individual classes can make them up using our online Zoom class scheduler, with classes offered 7 days a week.

### **OUTDOOR GUIDELINES:**

1. The basic health questionnaires will be texted to each family the night before class. Questions are listed above.

2. During class, children and adults will be required to maintain a minimum of a 6 foot distance between themselves and other participants who are not in the same family or other cohort. This could be challenging as children naturally tend to be social and it was not the norm in the past during our classes! However, we will be asking every family to be responsible to keep the appropriate distance with their children. Please be aware of this guideline and help us to maintain it!

3. Children will not be required to wear masks.

4. Adults shall wear a surgical style face mask or other covering for their nose and mouth within 6 ft of those who are not in the same household, unless doing so would be contrary to his or her health or safety due to medical conditions, and except when eating. Masks are required when entering and leaving the class location, and may be removed once the family is seated in their designated spot.

5. The Music Together Teacher will be teaching from a 12 ft distance in relationship to the participants. Should they leave that 12 ft radius they will be wearing a mask.

6. Bathroom Use - If in a private yard or premises, host requires that any family that wishes to use an indoor bathroom will use a mask. Not all public locations have restroom facilities available; please plan accordingly.

7. Instruments or other objects will not be shared. Families will be advised about what to bring from home for instruments or props. A small instrument set is available for sale on our website under " Store."

8. Weather issues - Classes will be moved to the following calendar week if the air temperature is below 38%, or there is rain, sleet or snow.

9. Families who miss individual classes can make them up using our online Zoom class scheduler. There will be no refunds or credits offered for missed classes.

# WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING FOR YOUR INDOOR OR OUTDOOR MUSIC TOGETHER CLASS

1. A BLANKET, YOGA MAT OR SOMETHING TO SIT ON – this will help mark your area for your family for 6 foot distancing.

2. HAND SANITIZER

3. INSTRUMENTS FOR THE DAY: Please bring your small instrument set to class or home-made shakers, a scarf, and something to tap together for sticks. Bring your songbook as well. All instruments should be kept in a small bag until your teacher indicates you will use them for a song. A small and medium instrument set can be purchased on our website, or you can bring home made instruments. Children and adults will not be sharing instruments.

5. A smile!

Parent Name (Print):	Date:
Parent Name (Signature):	Date: