



COVID-19 Policies

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These policies are subject to change and will be reviewed & updated regularly as the situation continues to evolve.

MASKING REQUIREMENTS

- Masks are optional for Classes, Private Lessons, Ensemble rehearsals and events for staff, students, parents, and visitors.
 - For classes, teachers may *request* masking for their students for all or portions of their class time, and masks will be provided as needed. Teachers have full authority with the support of Hopewell administration to implement the request without the need for advance notice.
 - For Private Lessons, both teachers and students/parents are welcome to request the other wear a mask at any time. Some students may be required to wear masks based on their instrument.
 - For events, masking is optional for guests unless advance notice has been given via advertisements or prior notifications of mask requirements.
- Hopewell still strongly recommends the use of well-fitting masks in group settings for protection against COVID, flu, and other respiratory illnesses, and as a component for protecting those that are most vulnerable in our communities, including the unvaccinated, the immunocompromised, or those at risk for severe disease and illness.
- Adult and child-sized masks are available in the entryway and waiting room.
- If Hennepin County's risk level rises significantly, Hopewell's mask requirements will be reevaluated.

VACCINATION STATUS

- On-site programming participants must be fully vaccinated.
- Voice, Woodwind and Brass students who are not fully vaccinated may only take lessons online and are not eligible for on site instruction.
- Vaccination has been verified for all Hopewell faculty, staff, and recurring volunteers.



ATTENDANCE

- Hopewell Private Lesson students and staff members who stay home as a precaution are encouraged to hold lessons online in lieu of an in-person lesson, on their regular day and time.
- Hopewell Class students are encouraged to stay home as a precaution when necessary.
- Students and staff are required to stay home if they receive a positive antigen or PCR test result. See Quarantine and Isolation Guidelines below.
- Students and staff are required to stay home if they experience any COVID-19 symptoms and/or fever in excess of 100.4 degrees. See Quarantine and Isolation Guidelines below.
- Tuition charges will not be adjusted to accommodate student absences. Exceptions will be determined by the Program Director on a case-by-case basis.

ROOM PROTOCOLS

- Students should sanitize their hands before and after instruction in the piano lab.
- Hand sanitizer, disposable masks, and contactless thermometers will be available on campus for use.
- High-touch surfaces such as pianos, tables, doorknobs, and light switches will be disinfected on a regular basis.
- Doors and windows should be kept open for maximum air flow. When doors and windows are closed, the heating/air-conditioning system should be turned on and each room will run an air purifier.
- Parents and children who are not students should limit their time in classrooms and studios unless they are fully vaccinated.

COVID-19 EXPOSURE

- Students, staff, and visitors who have had recent close contact with a COVID-positive person, may attend classes and lessons if they obtain a negative COVID test on the same day and they wear a mask while on campus.
- Hopewell requires parents and staff to immediately report to administration if a Hopewell student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19 within 24 hours from their last visit to Hopewell.



- In the event of an exposure of concern, Hopewell administrators will notify all persons involved. Confidentiality will be maintained as required by the county and state.

QUARANTINE & ISOLATION GUIDELINES

- Students, staff, and visitors are encouraged to stay home if they exhibit any COVID symptoms. Students and staff may attend classes and lessons if they obtain a negative COVID test on the same day and they wear a mask while on campus.
- Students and visitors who test positive for COVID via any method of test may not attend classes, lessons, or visit Hopewell for any reason.
 - After completing at least 5 days of isolation, one may return to campus if symptoms are resolved or resolving, and a negative COVID test has been obtained.
 - After 10 days of isolation, if a student is still testing positive, they may return to campus with the understanding that a mask is required until a negative COVID test is obtained.
- Staff members who test positive for COVID via any method of test may not attend classes, lessons, or visit Hopewell. Isolation requirements for staff members will adhere to recommendations from the [Minnesota Department of Health](#).

As recommendations from the CDC and state and county requirements continue to develop, we will adjust accordingly in some areas.