



# THE NEW SCHOOL FOR MUSIC STUDY

We greatly look forward to the full return of in-person learning at The New School for Music Study, beginning in September 2021. We look forward to a year of music making!

Over several months, we have carefully planned for the fall at NSMS. We have worked from a foundation of listening to expert advice, collaborating with our community, and placing safety at the center of all of our plans.

With input from medical professionals and government officials, we have developed science-based guidelines designed to keep our community safe. We are fortunate to have students of all ages at NSMS, and our procedures take into account the needs of all members of our community.

The NSMS community is unlike any other. Throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, we have all come together with patience, flexibility, resilience, and a spirit of cooperation. As we return to in-person learning this fall, we know that our community will continue to work together to ensure the safety of all.

*These guidelines are subject to change. Last updated: 8/31/2021.*

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Every member of the NSMS community has a role to play in keeping all of us healthy. We ask each individual to make a commitment to following all of our health guidelines. Together, we can keep each other safe at NSMS.

## Home Health Screening

- Prior to entering our facilities, please complete the following Covid-19 home screening tool for you and/or your child:

**Please answer each of the following questions TRUE or FALSE:**

1. My child is / I am NOT experiencing any symptoms of Covid-19, or of another contagious illness (for example, influenza).
2. My child is / I am NOT currently under evaluation for Covid-19 (for example, waiting for the results of a viral test to confirm infection).

3. My child has / I have NOT had close contact with any individual who has been diagnosed with Covid-19 within the past fourteen (14) days.
4. My child has / I have NOT been diagnosed with Covid-19 OR my child has / I have been diagnosed with COVID-19 but have since been cleared to discontinue isolation.
5. My child is / I am NOT subject to an order or request for self-isolation or quarantine by my doctor or a public official.

All answers must be TRUE for a student to participate in person at any activity at NSMS.  
***If you answer one or more questions FALSE, please stay home and contact your teacher.***

## Masks

- Masks are required at this time in the building.
- *Please note that our guidelines regarding masks will respond to updated guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as well as the State of New Jersey. Please review our updated guidelines in early September.*

## Social Distancing

- Please respect social distancing, both in public spaces and within studios.

## Hand Hygiene

- Please wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- We particularly encourage you to wash your hands upon entering our facilities.
- Hand sanitizer is available at the entrance to our facilities.

## Covid-19 Exposure

- If someone who has been to NSMS tests positive for Covid-19, we will contact the Health Department and follow their guidance.

## Vaccines

- As per [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) guidance](#), we strongly encourage everyone who can to get vaccinated. We expect that most members of our community will be vaccinated.

## Entrance

- Please enter the building through the front door and exit through the side door.
- Families and caregivers are welcome to enter the building with students.

## Public Spaces

- Families and caregivers may wait in the public spaces in our building while students are participating in activities. Please follow all health and safety guidelines.
- Masks must be worn at all times in public areas of our building. If you would like to remove your mask for any reason, please step outside.
- No eating or drinking is permitted in public spaces within our building.

## Cleaning

- Between lessons, classes, and ensembles, faculty members clean shared surfaces on instruments and equipment, such as piano keys and benches.
- High-touch surfaces throughout the building, such as door handles and stairway handrails, are cleaned frequently throughout the day.

## Protocol for Illness

To further encourage students to stay home when they are sick, we will follow these additional guidelines for individual lessons:

- If a student cannot attend their lesson in person due to Covid-19 symptoms, required quarantine due to Covid-19 exposure, or another reason, we will make every effort to teach the lesson online during the student's normal lesson time. The student should plan on being available for an online lesson.
- If a student needs to attend their lesson remotely, the student/parent should contact the teacher with as much advance notice as possible. Please remember that when faculty are teaching, their phones are off, so they may not be able to reply to your message right away. Please do not assume that you should come into NSMS if you do not get an immediate reply from your teacher; please stay home and know that your teacher will reply as soon as they are able. When your teacher receives your message, they will immediately switch to your pre-planned online platform at your regular lesson time.