

# Return to School: COVID-19 Policy for Families of Society for Talent Education (STE)

**Updated: September 23, 2021**

We look forward to the resumption of in-person group classes starting in October 2021. The Government of Alberta has announced restrictions last week for all the businesses and based on your responses to the recent parent survey, the STE Board has decided to implement the Restriction Exemption Program **effective September 26, 2021**. This is to enhance the safety of our members, especially our children. This will also allow us to hold group classes with parental attendance, which is a key component of the Suzuki triangle. Additional protocols have been developed to reduce the risk of transmission of illnesses and maintain a safe and healthy environment for our students.

1. For students and parents aged 12 and above – if you come onsite to attend in-person private or group lessons, please send a copy of one of the following documents below to our office:
  - (i) Proof of vaccination (a picture or paper record of a valid immunization record), or
  - (ii) Proof of a negative test result within the last 72 hours (as per the Alberta Health guidelines), or
  - (iii) An original (non-copied) medical exemption letter.

For events such as concerts and workshops, documents will be screened at the entrance.

Unvaccinated parents or guardians can drop off and pick up their children at the entrance. Volunteer parents will be assigned to lead children to the classroom for each group class. Otherwise, students can join group classes online, except for Orchestra and Chamber classes.

2. **Masking is mandatory** in the building (Exemptions will be based on [CMOH order 22-2021](#))
3. Class sizes will be limited to encourage **physical distancing** during group classes. To improve ventilation, windows will be opened where possible.
4. Practice good hand and respiratory hygiene. Hand sanitizer will be available at the entrance, at the office and in each classroom.
5. Commonly used areas will be disinfected daily, as well as in-between group classes.
6. Volunteer parents will be assigned to monitor and control the traffic in the lobby.
7. Please do **NOT** come into the building if you have any COVID symptoms or have been in close contact with someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19.
8. Please contact the STE Office immediately if any of your family members is diagnosed with COVID-19 virus.

The Board will continue to follow and update our protocols as per governmental rules. If you have additional questions, please reach out to the STE Office at 780-469-7382 or to the Board at [board@ste-suzukistrings.org](mailto:board@ste-suzukistrings.org).

We thank you for your understanding and your cooperation in helping us keep our kids safe!

STE Board of Directors