

CIM COVID-19 Preparedness Plan - Effective June 10th-August 29th 2021

GENERAL PLAN

All of the following guidelines and policies will be in effect for the Minnesota Irish Music Weekend (June 10-June 14, 2021) and for CIM's summer term (June 14-August 29, 2021). These have been informed by the requirements and recommendations established by the Minnesota Department of Health and Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). These policies are subject to change based on guidelines from these agencies.

- Fully vaccinated youths and adults will have the option to take private lessons in-person or online, depending on instructor availability & preference.
- Adult ensembles can meet in person if vaccination requirements are met by all members
- Youth ensembles will meet online with the exception of the three optional Newell Park Sessions: June 16, June 23, July 21. Refer to the Summer Youth Ensemble course descriptions for more details ([Redwing/Osprey](#), [Starling/Heron/Lark](#), [Wren](#))
- All other group classes will be offered online.

GUIDELINES FOR IN-PERSON LESSONS

- All in-person lessons will be scheduled for inside the CIM classrooms. Outdoor lessons may be possible depending on multiple factors, but they are unpredictable and will vary by teacher.
- Per the [MN Department of Health's guidelines for Music Activities and Performances](#), masks are required for indoor lessons & classes for all instruments except for flute and whistle. It is strongly recommended that flute and whistle players wear masks during their lessons. Flute & whistle masks can be purchased directly through Mattie Ernst at www.studio.earnestthreads.com/masks. More information is forthcoming.
- 6 feet of distance will be maintained during lesson & class time.
 - To maintain distance in private lessons, classrooms will be divided in half into an instructor zone and a student zone. A table will be placed in the middle of the room to mark 6 feet.

- In-person lessons and classes will run back-to-back with no break. Schedules and room capacities will be posted on each room door.
- Each room will be equipped with the following:
 - An air purifier that will run during teaching time. Standard air purifiers cycle 5 times per hour.
 - Hand sanitizer (for instructors and students)
 - Sanitizing wipes (for common surfaces).
 - Table to mark the instructor and student zones.

POLICIES FOR IN-PERSON SUMMER LESSONS

- Instructors and students must be fully vaccinated.
- Students must present proof of vaccination to admin@centerforirishmusic.org. Per the CDC, a person is considered fully vaccinated two weeks after receiving the last recommended dose of vaccine.
- If students have any symptoms, please do not come to the CIM. It may be possible to hold your private lessons online at the regular scheduled time. Please communicate with your instructor directly if this is an option. Otherwise, please refer to our [cancellations/rescheduling policy](#). Any inquiries should be directed to Lily Gaetgaeow at lgaetgaeow@centerforirishmusic.org.
- Students and instructors will be asked to monitor their temperature and report any symptoms to admin@centerforirishmusic.org.
- Parents or students who discover a positive case must report it to CIM immediately to admin@centerforirishmusic.org.

LESSON PROCEDURES AND FACILITY USE

At the beginning of your lesson:

1. Please plan to wait in your car until 5 minutes before your lesson time (or less if possible). Put your mask on before you enter the Celtic Junction building.
 - a. Depending on space/logistics, you may unpack your instrument and leave your case in the lobby.
2. Enter the Celtic Junction building from the main entrance. In the evenings when dance classes are in session, the entrance might temporarily be congested.
 - a. **OID Students:** When going from a dance to music class or vice versa, we ask that you exit the building and re-enter as per the policies of your

next activity. This is to help both OID and CIM be as safe as possible.
Hanging out in the lobby is not allowed.

3. Please wash your hands before your lesson.

At the end of your lesson:

1. Exit CIM space through the door at the end of the CIM hallway. Do not go downstairs or pass through the Main Lobby to use the front doors.

Facilities:

The CIM lobby may be used by students to tune instruments, store cases etc. The lobby may not be used for waiting.

Bathroom - Please only use the upstairs bathroom marked as a CIM bathroom - If you use the bathroom, please wipe down the toilet and sink after use. Wash your hands after cleaning the area.

Kitchen - The CIM kitchen is closed, except for hand washing.

Outdoors - All outdoor activities taking part outside will observe the same masking and distancing requirements as indoor lessons.