

CIM COVID-19 Preparedness Plan

Effective September 1, 2021 - January 30, 2022

All of the following guidelines and policies will be in effect for the duration of CIM's Fall term. These have been informed by information from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Policies are subject to change.

The Center for Irish Music offers lessons and classes both online AND in-person. **All of our instructors are fully vaccinated.** See the Fall course catalog for details about online and in-person offerings this term. *The following information outlines CIM's current policies for in-person course offerings.*

IN-PERSON

Fully vaccinated youths and adults have the option to take private lessons in-person, depending on instructor availability & preference.

KIDS UNDER AGE 12

In-person private lessons are an option for students under the age of 12, pending permission from admin, instructors and parents/guardians. Masks are required. Please inquire directly about wind-based instruments. (Also, see flute & whistle masks available for purchase).

ENSEMBLES

Ensembles will meet in person if vaccination requirements are met by all members. Youth ensembles with musicians under age 12 will be masked.

FLUTE & WHISTLE MASKS

Flute & whistle masks can be purchased directly through Mattie Ernst at www.studio.earnestthreads.com/masks.

FACILITIES

Each Center for Irish Music classroom is equipped with the following:

- An air purifier. Standard air purifiers cycle 5 times per hour.
- Hand sanitizer
- Sanitizing wipes

Masks are required in the common areas at the Celtic Junction, including the CIM lobby, bathroom and hallways.

We are asking CIM students to stay in our space while they are here. While we make an effort to coordinate, there are minor differences in the covid policies of the various organizations

operating inside the Celtic Junction, and this helps to keep the populations isolated from one another.

During the cold winter months, parents, spouses, and guests of students may wait in the CIM lobby. Current building-wide policy does not require proof of vaccination to enter the building. Proof of vaccination is only required to attend in-person CIM programs.

The kitchen in the CIM lobby is open to CIM instructors and staff only. Students may use the kitchen as a hand-washing station but are discouraged from eating in the lobby.

Thank you for helping to keep our community safe!

STUDENT PROTOCOL

Before your lesson

1. Do not come to the CIM if you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19. To pivot your lesson to online, contact your instructor and admin@centerforirishmusic.org.
2. Wash your hands before going into your lesson.
3. Talk to your teacher directly with any questions you have about masking inside the classroom. All of our instructors are vaccinated.

Reporting symptoms & cases to CIM

- **STUDENTS WHO TEST POSITIVE:** Students with a positive test result and/or symptoms of COVID-19 should not come to the CIM. Please follow the MN Department of Health's [guidelines](#) and self-quarantine for the recommended 10 days. Talk to your instructor and Lily Gaetgaeow about rescheduling or virtual lessons. Otherwise, please refer to our [cancellations/rescheduling policy](#).
- **EXPOSURE**
 - If students have been exposed to covid-19, please report this to your teacher and admin@centerforirishmusic.org. If students are experiencing symptoms of covid, please get tested, and do not return to CIM until you have a negative test result. Online lessons are always a safe option as you await results.
 - **HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS WHO TEST POSITIVE:** Due to the small size of our classrooms and in the interest of caring for immunocompromised people in our community, CIM needs to be aware of positive covid cases that are in our students' immediate households. Please report the positive test result date and the timeline of symptoms (if applicable) to CIM immediately at admin@centerforirishmusic.org. We will be as sensitive as possible to confidentiality.
- **SCREENING AT CJAC:** Weekly screening is available at the Celtic Junction Arts Center. We recommend taking advantage of this service, especially our ensemble students. For more information, please contact admin@centerforirishmusic.org.

SCHEDULING & POLICIES FOR IN-PERSON LESSONS

- In-person lessons and classes will run back-to-back with no break. Schedules will be posted on each room door.
- Fully-vaccinated students must present proof of vaccination to Lily Gaetgaeow at admin@centerforirishmusic.org. Per the CDC, a person is considered fully vaccinated two weeks after receiving the last recommended dose of vaccine.
 - Please send a photo of your vaccination card to admin@centerforirishmusic.org. Make sure your name and the date of your last shot are clearly visible. These are the only two details we need for our records. All information will be kept confidential. If you do not feel comfortable sharing an image of your vaccination card over email, please make an appointment with Lily to show your vaccination card over Zoom.
- Per the [MN Department of Health's guidelines for Music Activities and Performances](#), masks are recommended for indoor lessons & classes. Flute & whistle masks can be purchased directly through Mattie Ernst at www.studio.earnestthreads.com/masks.