

# 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](http://www.studio.earnestthreads.com/masks).

## MUSIC CLASSROOMS & FACILITY

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 for lessons. Thank you!

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

The CIM lobby may be used by students to tune instruments, store cases etc.

**Bathroom** - Please use the bathroom in the CIM lobby.

**Kitchen** - The CIM kitchen is open to CIM instructors and staff only. Students may use the kitchen as a hand-washing station.

## BEFORE YOUR LESSON

1. Wait outside, or in your car until 5 minutes before your lesson time. Depending on space/logistics, you may use the lobby to unpack your instrument or store your case.
2. Wear your mask when you are inside the building. **Masks are required in all common spaces.**
3. Wash your hands before going into your lesson.
4. Talk to your teacher directly with any questions you have about masking inside the classroom. All of our instructors are vaccinated.

## SCHEDULING & POLICIES FOR IN-PERSON LESSONS

- 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](http://www.studio.earnestthreads.com/masks).
- 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.
- Students with symptoms of COVID-19 should not come to the CIM. Talk to your instructor about rescheduling. Otherwise, please refer to our [cancellations/rescheduling policy](#).
- Students and instructors will be asked to monitor their temperature and report any symptoms to [admin@centerforirishmusic.org](mailto:admin@centerforirishmusic.org).
- Parents or students who discover a positive case must report it to CIM immediately to [admin@centerforirishmusic.org](mailto:admin@centerforirishmusic.org).