

# Parameters for In-Person Lessons during COVID-19:

Please assist the teacher to promote a safe environment by strictly observing the lesson protocols below.

**For In-Person lessons please be sure to check you and your child's health before you come. If any of the following symptoms exist, you and your child should not be coming in person to a lesson:**

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| Fever       | Difficulty breathing | Coughing   | Diarrhea | Muscle aches |
| Sore throat | Headache             | Congestion | Fatigue  |              |

→ **SPECIAL NOTE:** Both On-line and In-Person lessons are available on an *interchangeable* basis with advance notice by student choice.

**DESCRIPTION:** To be able to teach with safe social distance and with minimal use of masks, a 'clear vinyl screen' will be in place between the teacher and the student. An **Open-Air** student placement will provide a high rate of air-exchange to complement that protective guard. The presence of a 'clear vinyl screen' temporarily localizes aerosol saturation; the open-air venue disperses that localized saturation in the most efficient manner possible. Dispersing the aerosols at the time of exhalation by means of natural *outdoor* air-movement is the best way to keep you and your child safe. The Teacher is *fully vaccinated* with the Moderna vaccine since April 14, 2021.

→ Attending **PIANO STUDENTS** have the *choice* of wearing a mask or not.

→ Attending **VOICE STUDENTS** are preferred to NOT wear masks while they are singing so that the teacher can properly observe technical issues with their instrument.

→ **Mask-wearing by TEACHER & PARENTS:** if ALL adult attendees are fully vaccinated, both teacher & parents will be able to forgo wearing masks at the parent's discretion. Until all adult attendees are fully vaccinated, all teacher and attending parents will wear masks. Please inform the teacher of your vaccination circumstances. Until children also are able to be fully-vaccinated, the clear vinyl screen will continue to be a presence. Thank you.

→ For additional protection of students & parents, the Studio schedules at least a 15-minute gap between lessons.

**MOVING FORWARD:** Fully indoor In-Person lessons are not possible at this time. Indoor In-Person lessons are also not possible in the foreseeable future both due to local Covid-19 infection rates and the medical unpredictability of recent more highly infectious viral strains. → For the safety of everyone concerned, the Studio's *In-Person* lesson format will remain as "Open-Air" as possible for as long as the Covid-19 emergency persists.

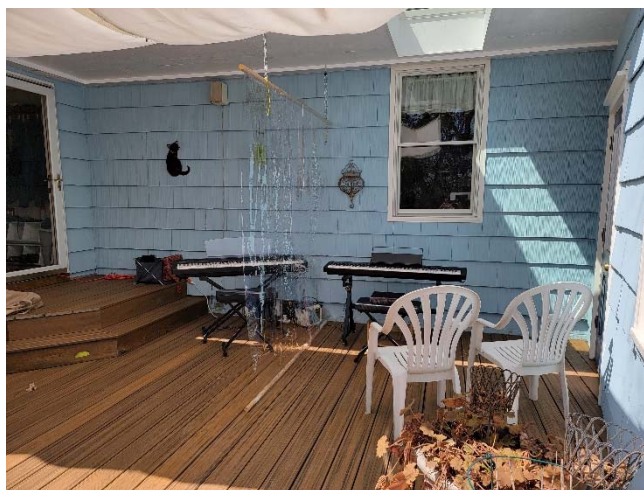
**CONDITIONS:** [see photo below]

**For Voice Students:** please be prepared for an 'outdoor' singing experience. The teacher (with a digital keyboard) will be adjacent to a large clear vinyl screen separating teacher and student. Seating is provided and the space is privately situated in the back of the house. In cold weather a portable heating unit is also provided.

**For Piano Students:** please be prepared for an 'outdoor' piano experience on a digital piano (full-size keys and keyboard—with weighted, touch-sensitive keys and operational pedals suitable for advanced repertoire). The teacher with an additional digital keyboard will be adjacent to a large clear vinyl screen separating teacher and student. During cold weather a portable heating unit is also provided. This "two-keyboard" teaching environment will allow the teacher to 'model' and 'demonstrate' for the student, but **any 'hands-on' assistance must be provided by the assisting parent** (with instruction from the teacher).

**All students:** please come with your own scores and supplies to eliminate the need for any exchange of paper, pencil or other items between teacher and student.

**Bathroom availability will be limited to emergency only** and will require mask-wearing along with hand-sanitizer (available at the Studio).



**Open-Air Private teaching space.**