



The Hochstein School Reopening Policies – September 2020

Overview of our basic policies:

- **Personal Protective Equipment & hygiene policies:**
 - All individuals ages 2 and older are required to wear a face mask at ALL TIMES when in our building unless eating or drinking
 - If you do not bring your own face mask – one will be provided for you
 - Face shields may be worn in addition to a face mask but not as a substitution for one
 - All are expected to use hand sanitizer when entering our building, before/after their lesson or class, and at any time contact is made with high-touch surfaces
 - Hand sanitizers and disinfectant wipes will be placed throughout the building and in all studios and classrooms
- **Distancing Guidelines:**
 - All faculty, students, staff, and visitors must make their best effort to maintain a 6-foot minimum distance between others at all times
 - All are expected to follow designated spacing patterns throughout the building
 - Seating has been limited throughout the building. Parents/guardians are encouraged to drop their student off for lessons. *Please note that this does not apply to students who require a parent/guardian/caregiver on premise at all times due to medical or behavioral concerns.*
 - Children under the age of 12 must have a parent/guardian on premise during their lesson
 - Please do not bring additional family members into the building unless absolutely necessary
 - All water fountains are closed; everyone is encouraged to bring their own pre-filled water bottle from home
 - Our elevator is restricted to one passenger at a time unless they are riding with other members of their household OR are providing necessary transportation support for a student
 - Students and families are encouraged to complete bill payments by phone or online
- **Cleaning Protocols:**
 - Hochstein operation team members will clean and sanitize all high-touch areas throughout the business day

- Hochstein operation team members will clean and sanitize all high-traffic areas daily
- Individual lesson faculty will sanitize high-touch surfaces in their studio/rehearsal spaces at the start of every lesson and will alternate rooms between lessons to allow for adequate air exchange

Health Screenings:

- **All individuals** must take the Hochstein COVID-19 questionnaire, offered online, **BEFORE** entering the building and on the day of their visit
 - If the COVID-19 form was not completed before entering the building, it will be given verbally or by using a scannable QR Code with a smartphone during the health screening
- **When arriving at Hochstein**, all individuals will check in with a health screener before they can proceed to their lesson or class
 - The screener will confirm participation in our online questionnaire and a hands-free temperature check will be given
- Anyone leaving the building with the plan to re-enter later will be given a wristband indicating they have been previously screened **ON THAT DAY**.
 - Screening wristbands cannot be re-used

In Case of Illness ...

- **Individuals will not be allowed to enter the building if:**
 - They have completed their COVID form and the results show they may not enter the building
 - They arrive for on-site screening and the temp check indicates a temperature over 100°F
- **Students who are not feeling well**, but feel healthy enough to take their lesson, should stay home and contact their teacher to request a distance learning lesson.
- **Individuals who develop symptoms after entering the building** will be isolated immediately and sent home
 - For students who are sent home from Hochstein, credits will not be given and make-ups are at the discretion of each teacher (but not guaranteed)
- **Individuals who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the last 14 days** should follow all instructions from their healthcare provider and local health departments. They may not return to Hochstein until they have been completely symptom-free for at least 10 days, or have received a negative COVID-19 test.

Lessons, Classes, and/or Rehearsals

- Faculty and students must wash and/or sanitize their hands prior to entering their lesson, class, or rehearsal
- Students must provide their own pencils to mark their own music

- Sharing of instruments will not be permitted
- Faculty may assist students with tuning their instruments, but must sanitize their hands before and after
- If a parent/guardian is in the building with a young student, they may sit in the lesson if space allows (at the discretion of the teacher) or on a provided chair placed outside the lesson room
- After the lesson, class, or rehearsal is finished, students and visitors must exit the building promptly
- Individual lesson faculty will sanitize high-touch surfaces in their studio/rehearsal spaces at the start of every lesson and will alternate rooms between lessons *when possible* to allow for adequate air exchange between students

Program specific information:

Individual Music Lessons

Beginning in September 2020 individual lessons will be given online and/or in-person. Decisions regarding lesson choices will be made in consideration of the instrument category and the comfort level of both faculty member and student, along with building capacity.

- **Voice, Woodwinds, & Brass:**
 - Current scientific evidence suggests that engaging in these activities can result in an overabundance of viral aerosols, therefore these lessons will remain online for the foreseeable future.
- **Other instruments eligible for in-person instruction: ***
 - Piano, all Suzuki instruction (with the exception of Suzuki group classes which will continue online), violin, viola, cello, double bass, guitar, harp, percussion, composition, songwriting, jazz improv, and indie study

**The option of online learning is still available, should teachers and/or students feel uncomfortable with in-person instruction.*

Dance

- **The following classes will continue online for the beginning of the school year:**
 - Mini Dancers, Pre-Ballet, Ballet I, Ballet II, Ballet III, Ballet III/IV, Pointe, Intermediate Ballet, Ballet Stretch and Strengthen, Beginning Caribbean/Latin, Latin Fusion, Children's African Dance, Tap (group classes), and Yoga
- **The following dance classes will be offered in-person beginning in September 2020:**
 - Spanish Flamenco I – IV
 - Tap (individual instruction only)
- **The following classes will start later in the session and are still to be determined if they will be in-person or online:**
 - Modern, Hip Hop, Children's Jazz
- **Single dance coupons will not be available until further notice**

- Dance students must come dressed for class and bring their dance bags into the studio with them. *The dance changing rooms will not be open.*

Classes, Small Ensembles, and Chamber Music

- The following classes will continue online:
 - Guitar classes, ukulele, bagpipes, Suzuki groups, music theory, music history
 - Music FUNdamentals beginning the week of September 28 – October 3, 2020
- The following small ensembles will be online:
 - Rock Bands and HochStrings
- The following small ensembles are able to meet in-person:
 - Continuing guitar ensemble
 - **Chamber Music Connection:** Chamber groups comprised of strings (including guitar) and piano are allowed to meet. Woodwind and brass instruments may not meet in-person at this time.

Large Ensembles

- Hochstein orchestras will be in-person beginning October 10, 2020
 - HYSO, HPO, HSS, HCS will be allowed to meet in-person excluding wind, brass, and percussion instruments. Please stay tuned for specific details which will be sent to our students by the directors.
 - Parents/guardians are expected to leave the building during **most** orchestra rehearsals after dropping off their student. *(One parent/guardian may attend rehearsal with each student in Concertino Strings)*
- Little Singers, Youth Singers, and Hochstein Singers will continue online

Expressive Arts

Expressive Arts will offer remote and in-person sessions at Hochstein beginning in September, however, due to the significant limitations in regards to building/room capacity, we encourage all who are able to remain remote to please do so. While we understand that remote learning may not be the most optimal means of instruction for every student, we must consider both the collective safety of students/faculty and the importance of instruction for EA students who have not been able to participate in any online activity.

- **First priority for in-person sessions will be given to those students who**
 1. have not had access to remote learning options AND
 2. do not fall into a "high-risk" category (as outlined by the CDC)
 3. do not primarily engage in higher-risk activities such as full-voice singing or woodwind/brass playing

Please keep in mind that remote services are encouraged as we enter the new school year. If you have been participating in remote sessions and have concerns about maintaining services in this capacity come fall, please contact Expressive Arts Department Chair, Jennifer Phillips (jennifer.phillips@hochstein.org) to discuss options.