



LocoMoTion MUSIC

COVID-19 Health & Safety Policy & Response Plan

Updated January 2022

The sections highlighted in yellow below, have been updated from the original policy created in August 2020.

Locomotion Music is committed to the safety of our students, families and teachers. With consultation from parents, students, teachers and Public Health guidelines, we have developed this Covid-19 Health & Safety Policy & Response Plan for all Locomotion students, teachers and family members in one home. If a teacher or student agree to continue with in home lessons, they must read and agree to adhere to the Locomotion policies outlined below.

Music Lesson Updates

- Online music lessons will be offered indefinitely at Locomotion Music.
- Teachers and students will have the option of doing in home or online lessons and can change options at any time.
- Students have the option of working with a Locomotion teacher that is fully vaccinated (2 doses of an approved vaccine). Please speak to the management team to discuss this option.
- If an in home lesson is cancelled, teachers and students can complete their make-up lesson online at a mutually agreed day & time.
- Scheduling and teacher changes may occur on a case by case basis.

Covid-19 Health & Safety Policy

- Locomotion Music will provide teachers and students with updates regarding Covid-19 as they become available from Ontario Public Health officials.
- Locomotion Music may transition back to online lessons or make other business related changes, as the Covid-19 situation evolves.
- Both teacher and students (parent/guardian) are asked to let Locomotion know of recent or upcoming travel outside of the country. Students and teachers must self-isolate upon return as per Public Health guidelines if you don't qualify for the traveller quarantine exemption. Music lessons can continue online on a mutually agreed day and time if you need to quarantine.

During Your In Home Lesson

- Teachers and students will self-monitor & screen for symptoms **before** each lesson. Should anyone present any of the Covid19 symptoms before their lesson, an online lesson can be performed in lieu of the in home lesson, at a mutually agreed day & time.
- Teachers will have hand sanitizer on them at all times.
- The student and teacher will use hand sanitizer (or wash their hands) before and after each lesson.
- The teacher and student must wear a mask for the entirety of their lesson in order to protect one another as per Public Health masking guidelines, even if the teacher AND student are fully vaccinated. We will update this guideline, should it change in the future.
- Should another family member in the home have contact with the teacher or student during their stay in the home, **a safe social distancing should be practiced in addition to wearing a mask for the period of the interaction.**
- The teacher and student will social distance during a lesson where possible, i.e. sit in a larger room in the house 6 feet apart, conduct lessons outside if weather permits.
- Instruments and support items (books, stands, drumsticks, etc.) must be wiped down before and after each lesson.
- Teachers will remove their shoes at the door.
- Teachers will not bring any additional (unrelated) items with them into student homes (large bags, food or shopping bags). They may have a drink with them.
- Teachers will limit their time in the house after the lesson when debriefing the student, parent/guardian. Texting or emailing any homework or follow/up details is encouraged.

Locomotion's Covid-19 Response Plan

The following is a comprehensive plan for Locomotion to respond to Covid-19 cases. We understand that this plan may not cover every unique situation. Locomotion will consult with Public Health as needed & follow their recommendations which may differ from the response plan outlined here.

What we will do if there is a potential case, or suspected exposure to COVID-19 at Locomotion Music for students, teachers or a family member(s) in the same home:

If someone tests positive:

As per the new guidance from Public Health announced on Dec. 30, 2021:

- Vaccinated individuals and children under the age of 12 who have COVID-19 will only be required to self-isolate for a minimum of five days following the date when their symptoms started, instead of 10 days. Their household contacts will also be required to isolate alongside them.
- If, after five days, their symptoms have improved for at least 24 hours they can end the isolation period.
- The student, teacher or family member in their home will immediately inform Locomotion Music if they have tested positive for Covid-19.
- Scheduling changes &/or teacher substitutes may occur during this period.
- All in home lessons will be moved to online if the student or teacher is feeling well enough to participate.
- Locomotion will comply with any direction from Public Health regarding contact tracing including notifying teachers, students and their families if there is the possibility that the teacher or student or family member were exposed before the positive test.
- In home lessons will not resume, until the individual(s) who test positive are cleared according to Public Health guidelines.

If someone has symptoms:

- The student, teacher or family member in their home will immediately inform Locomotion Music if they develop Covid-19 symptoms.
- All in home lessons will be moved to online until the student, teacher or family member's symptoms have resolved and they are no longer required to self-isolate as per Public Health guidelines listed in the above section.
- Scheduling changes &/or teacher substitutes may occur during this period.

If there is an exposure to Covid-19 (i.e. an individual has been in contact with someone positive with Covid-19):

- Close contacts of individuals with COVID-19 who are fully vaccinated, asymptomatic and who don't live with the positive case, **do not have to self-isolate**. These individuals must self-monitor for symptoms for 10 days.
- Individuals who are unvaccinated, partially vaccinated or immunocompromised will be required to isolate for 10 days.
- The student, teacher or family member in their home will immediately inform Locomotion Music if they have been exposed **and need to isolate**.

- All in home lessons will be moved to online until the student, teacher or family member is no longer required to self-isolate by Public Health.
- Locomotion will comply with any direction from Public Health regarding contact tracing including notifying teachers, students and their families.
- Scheduling changes &/or teacher substitutes may occur during this period

Locomotion Music Release of Liability and Waiver:

I acknowledge the contagious nature of the Coronavirus/COVID-19 and that Ontario Public Health officials still recommend practicing social distancing and wearing a mask while indoors. I further acknowledge that Locomotion Music has put in place precautions to reduce the spread of the Coronavirus/COVID-19. I further acknowledge that Locomotion Music cannot guarantee that I will not become infected with the Coronavirus/Covid-19. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to and/or infected by the Coronavirus/COVID-19 may result from the actions of myself and others, including, but not limited to, teachers, students and families.

By signing below, I hereby release and agree to hold Locomotion Music harmless from and waive on behalf of myself, my heirs, and any personal representatives any and all causes of action, claims, demands, damages, costs, illness, expenses, and compensation for damages or loss to myself and/or property that may be caused by any act, or failure to act of the company, or that may otherwise arise in any way in connection with any services received from Locomotion Music. I agree to release Locomotion Music from any and all liability for the unintentional exposure or harm due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

This Release of Liability and Waiver will apply to all in-home lessons until further notice. Locomotion Music reserves the right to update this Policy and require a new Release of Liability and Waiver to be signed as the COVID-19 pandemic evolves.

If you're a Locomotion teacher, sign here:

Teacher's Name _____

Teacher's Signature _____

Date _____

If you're a Locomotion student, sign here:

Student's Name _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian (if student is under 18)

Date _____

References: <https://www.publichealthontario.ca/> & <https://www.toronto.ca/home/covid-19/>