

## COVID-19: Howe Sound Music Festival Safe Operation Policies

### **Howe Sound Music Festival 2021**

**Please ensure that you have read and understand this Safe Operation Policy in its entirety.**

**Please understand with COVID-19, students and their guardians assume all risk and liability by participating in the Howe Sound Music Festival.**

### **Safe Operations Policies**

HSMF Safe Operations Policies are developed based on current government recommendations and fall under Programs for Children and Youth. Policies will continue to be adapted as needed.

Youth and children workshops and classes will take place at St. John the Divine Anglican Church located in Squamish, B.C.

Maximum of (10) youth per class and (10) organizers will be allowed in the workshop area. An additional of (10) youth will be allowed in the lobby area. An organizer will be present in the lobby area to ensure that access is controlled.

No patrons or observers will be allowed in the facility. A Zoom link will be provided to all students for families and friends to remotely observe their students selections of workshop material. Adjudications will not be available for remote observation.

### **Health Monitoring**

No one displaying symptoms of COVID-19 may enter the workshop facility

No one who has travelled outside of the country may enter the facility for 14 days.

Symptoms of COVID-19:

The symptoms of COVID-19 are similar to other respiratory illnesses, including the flu and common cold. They include: cough, sneezing, fever, sore throat, and difficulty breathing.

Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure

Sing in will consist of a symptom check, temperature check and hand sanitizer station.

### **Physical Distancing**

Please arrive no more than 10 minutes before your scheduled workshop, and leave directly after you receive your adjudication. When possible, please wait outside of the facility. No family or

person with the student will be allowed in the facility. Please enter and exit the lobby area one at a time.

Floor marking will be used in the workshop, lobby and waiting area to indicate safe distance between individuals.

Safe distance between individuals is a distance of (2) meters. Students must not congregate in any area.

During Piano Presentation and Adjudication portions of the workshop, students will be present in the workshop area. Seating will be spaced minimum of (2) meters apart. Students will wear masks for the entirety of the workshop.

During the Voice Presentation portion of the workshop, students will be seated in the waiting area until called upon by an organizer. Students in the waiting area will be able to view other presentations via the zoom link provided. For the Adjudication portion of the workshop, students will be present in the workshop area. Seating will be spaced minimum of (2) meters apart. Students will not wear a mask during the presentation portion, masks will be required to be worn during the adjudication of the workshop. A minimum of 3 meters of separation will be maintained between student presenter and adjudicator/accompanist. Only the student, adjudicator, accompanist and organizer will be present in the workshop area during voice presentations.

#### Cleaning and Hygiene

All students must wash their hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer upon arrival and before their workshop. Hand sanitizer will be provided in the lobby, waiting and workshop area. Soap and running water are available in the washroom.

Students, adjudicators and festival organizers will not share materials such as pencils and pens. Please come prepared with your own notebook and pencil.

High touch areas such as door handles, surfaces and washrooms will be cleaned with disinfectant between each workshop. Piano keyboard will be wiped down between each student.

#### Masks

Masks will be required to be worn by all adults and all students. Please contact the executive director should you fall within the Government of B.C. masks exceptions.

We continue to recommend physical distancing be maintained.

Masks should be well fitted with no gaps. Nose and mouth must be covered.

### Additional Actions and Considerations

Doors will remain open to the outside whenever weather allows in order to maintain good ventilation. Doors will be open between each workshop.