



## **Covid-19 and Music: Provincial Landscapes**

**Guidelines from Other Provinces (Including some Updates from January 2021)**

<b>Provincial Return to Learning Plans</b>	<b>Summary of protocols in place by Provincial Governments</b>	<b>Music Education Association Guidance</b>
<a href="#">British Columbia</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Extra curricular activities are able to take place as long as physical distance can be maintained (Elementary groups up to 60, Secondary up to 120)</li> <li>-30 minutes of playing - then breaks and air exchanging in rooms</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">BCMEA recommends:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Music education can and must continue during COVID-19 (P5)</li> <li>- Control the environment, understand risks, and rethink music classes and activities so that they are done safely</li> </ul> <p><b>UPDATE Jan. 9 2021:</b>  <a href="#">Provincial COVID-19 Health &amp; Safety Guidelines for K-12 Settings</a></p> <p><a href="#">BCMEA Document:</a>  <a href="https://bit.ly/bcguidanceformusic-covid19">https://bit.ly/bcguidanceformusic-covid19</a></p>
<a href="#">Alberta</a>	<p><a href="#">Guidance for Singing &amp; Vocal Performance</a>  <a href="#">Guidance for Live Instrumental Music</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Playing musical instruments may proceed both indoors and outdoors where 2 metre physical distancing is possible with musicians wearing masks when not playing</li> </ul>	<a href="#">Alberta Band Association</a>
<a href="#">Saskatchewan</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Performances can take place if precautions are put in place (e.g. distance, masks, instruments sanitized)</li> </ul> <p><b>UPDATE Jan. 2021:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Singing and playing is allowed with mitigation</li> <li>- NOTE** Some boards have chosen to reschedule music teachers and so music isn't happening everywhere. Lots of variation. No provincial</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">Saskatchewan Performing Arts Guidelines</a></p> <p><a href="#">Saskatchewan Government Health Care Link</a></p>
<a href="#">Manitoba</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Choirs should not be allowed</li> <li>- Social distancing needs to be in place</li> <li>- Instruments should not be shared</li> <li>- Minimize the amount of time together if performing indoors and increase ventilation</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">Manitoba Music Educators' Association recommends:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Singing together is not permitted under Phase 2 guidelines</li> <li>- Music classes can continue unless public authorities discourage the use of shared spaces</li> </ul>

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	<p><b>UPDATE Jan. 2021:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Singing and playing not allowed at all right now</li> <li>- Percussion and strings allowed</li> <li>- (They were playing prior to Code Red in November when it was all shut down)</li> </ul>	<p><b>UPDATE Jan. 2021:</b>  <a href="#">Manitoba's Restoring Safe Services: Guidelines for Vocalists and Instrumentalists</a></p> <p><a href="#">Government Guidance for Music</a></p> <p><a href="#">Manitoba Music Educators' Association</a></p> <p><a href="#">Government of Manitoba Safe Return for Schools Plan</a></p>
<p><a href="#">Ontario</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Low risk creative performance with no live performance focusing on Overall Expectations</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">Ontario Music Educators' Association recommends:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Singing outside if possible, or humming, according to research from August 2020</li> <li>- If local Public Health organizations permit, playing masked at a distance following sterilization protocols</li> </ul>
<p><a href="#">Newfoundland and Labrador</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 30 minutes of playing, air exchanges, masks on instruments &amp; people</li> <li>- Distancing must occur</li> </ul> <p><b>UPDATE Jan. 2021:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Singing - some singing, as long as 6', singing forward, no masks required, but with 30 min limits and 2 rotations of air</li> <li>- Instrumental - the same as singing but with bell covers</li> <li>- Masks required in common areas for Gr. 7-12 ONLY. In classrooms no masks are required</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">Music Special Interest Council recommends:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Music can continue unless discouraged by public health authorities following physical distancing and sanitizing of instruments</li> </ul> <p><b>Update Jan. 2021:</b>  <a href="#">Newfoundland and Labrador English School District</a></p> <p><a href="#">Guidance for Music Classes in Newfoundland and Labrador During COVID 19</a> by Music Special Interest Council</p>
<p><a href="#">PEI</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Music classes available but may be adapted to follow public health guidelines</li> </ul> <p><b>UPDATE: Jan. 6, 2021</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Public Health states singing and playing is allowed with masks, 6' distancing. If no masks, 12' distancing</li> <li>- Instrumental - students to be 6' apart</li> </ul>	<p><b>UPDATE: Jan. 2021</b>  <a href="#">Prince Edward Island Back To School Guidelines</a></p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Band rehearsals in cohorts</li> <li>- If in large group, maintain 6' distance</li> <li>- Singing allowed if wearing masks and social distancing of 6'</li> <li>- Primary focus for elementary has been in movement, playing instruments, using poetry to meet outcomes</li> <li>- Sharing of mallets and instruments follow sanitization protocols after each use</li> </ul>	
<a href="#">New Brunswick</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Music K-8 within cohorts with social distancing</li> <li>- Wind instruments are permitted if all health and safety protections measures are observed</li> <li>- Number of students participating in bands and choirs should be limited</li> </ul>	
<a href="#">Nova Scotia</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rehearsals of up to 50 permitted following physical distancing</li> </ul> <p><b>UPDATE Jan 2021:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- singing in class is now allowed (social distanced, grades 4-12, masked), recorders are now allowed and bell covers are suggested, rather than required</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">Nova Scotia Band Association recommends:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Wear a mask when playing, use a bell cover and don't share materials</li> </ul> <p><b>UPDATE Jan 2021:</b></p> <p>(see pdf doc sent by J. MacNutt Jan. 4, 2021)</p>

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