



SJASD Arts
Return to Music
March 17, 2021

The key to returning to music is to make sure that safety guidelines are followed. It is not about administration or teacher comfort, but rather that the most nervous students in the group feels safe!

Return to Music Commences: April 5, 2021

Guidelines:

ALL Levels of Music Classes-

- Be outside as much as possible.
- Masks must be worn at all times, even outdoors.
- 2-meter spacing minimum at all times, even outdoors.
- **25 person maximum**- including all adults. Stick to this maximum even when playing/singing outdoors.
- Do not use a portable HEPA filter machine in the rooms- open windows if possible, for improved air flow.
- Try to avoid using plexiglass partitions between students- this creates “dead zones” where air doesn’t circulate properly, and aerosols collect.
- Stand in staggered rows, facing forward and slightly away from each other.
- No concerts or public performances- virtual only.
- Insist on frequent handwashing or disinfecting.
- Sheet music, music stands, or equipment should not be shared- if this can’t be avoided then they need to be properly cleaned between uses.
- Have the room empty for 30 minutes between groups to let the air circulate.

Band Specific-

- 2 meters spacing starts and ends at the furthest edge of the instrument.
- A 9x6 space is required for trombone players.
- Masks must be pulled down to cover the “headjoint” of the mouthpiece.
- Flutes must have a cloth mask at the end of the barrel, in place of a bell cover.
- Clean instruments regularly and share as little as possible.
- Empty spit valves when no one else is present or while 2 meters distanced.

EY Music-

- Recorders can be used; however the students will need to wear a mask with a slit that the mouthpiece of the recorder can fit into- there must also be a cloth “mask” covering the end of the recorder barrel.
- If singing outdoors, masks must be worn.



Return to Music- Plan

Please fill out and return to Catharine Rivard: catharine.rivard@sjasd.ca by March 26th/21.

School: _____ Teacher: _____

Class Designation:	Number of Students:	Number of Adults:	Time Slot in Schedule:

Please check to make sure all accommodations are made:

- Everyone will wear a mask at all times.
- Everyone is minimum 2 meters spacing in choral.
- Everyone is minimum 2 meter spacing from instrument extension to instrument extension in band.
- Trombones have 3 meters of spacing.
- Staggered rows will be used.
- All instruments will have bell covers.
- Will play outside as much as possible, wearing masks, and distanced in staggered rows.
- Proper disinfecting will take place between classes.
- Hand washing/sanitizing will occur.
- Time is built in to allow air circulation between groups.
- Windows/doors will be opened for fresh air, where possible.