

Powell River Academy of Music
Student Newsletter
Covid-19 Safety Plan

Dear Parents and Families,

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to the Academy for our 2020/2021 season. All lessons at the Academy will follow the recommendations from Worksafe BC, Vancouver Coastal Health Authorities and the BC Center for Disease Control. Our faculty are working hard to adapt their lesson plans to provide a safe, exciting educational music experience for all within these guidelines.

Signs are posted throughout the building as a reminder of hand washing and distancing measures. Any safety concerns or issues can be sent by email to info@powellriveracademy.org and will be forwarded to the appropriate department.

Academy Faculty, Staff, Students and Volunteers all have a responsibility to prevent exposure to COVID-19 at the Powell River Academy of Music.

Anyone who has had symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 10 days must inform the office and self-isolate at home. Symptoms include fever, chills, new or worsening cough, shortness of breath, sore throat and new muscle aches or headache and under the direction of the provincial health officer must self-isolate. For non-medical information about COVID-19, call 1-888-COVID19 (1-888-268-4319), 7:30am-8pm, 7 days a week. Any staff or student who show symptoms of illness while in the building will be placed in an isolated room prior to their exit from the school. Parents are asked to pick up sick children as quickly as possible.

The following guidelines and protocols have been put in place for the security and safety of all.

- ❖ All building users will stay home if they do not feel well. This includes all students, faculty, staff and volunteers.
- ❖ Face masks are required with an exception based on medical grounds.
- ❖ Arrows and signage will remind students and staff of physical distancing measures. Some lessons may take place outdoors as weather permits.
- ❖ All building users should arrive with clean hands. Hand sanitizer will be provided prior to and at the end of each lesson.
- ❖ Students will enter and depart from the exterior door nearest their lesson room. Social distancing (2 meters apart) must be maintained at all times. Your teacher will let you know which entrance you should use.
- ❖ Main thoroughways will have the doors remaining open.
- ❖ Water fountains have been shut off. and snack machine disabled.

- ❖ Faculty will do their best to disinfect equipment used for the lesson. Windows will be open for fresh air in the studio.
- ❖ Students, faculty and staff will maintain a distance of two meters from others, whether seated or standing.
- ❖ Faculty & staff will monitor places where students congregate or stand in line and remind them to maintain a distance of two meters from one another. Students will need to leave the building as soon as their lesson is over.
- ❖ Cleaning of school bathrooms will occur daily. Every second stall has been closed to support social distancing.
- ❖ Attendance will be taken for all building users for Contact Tracing if there is an outbreak.

Office, Registration and Fees

Student fees are paid in advance by posted dated cheques or over the phone by credit card, or cash. Please register online at www.powellriveracademy.org and call the office to arrange payment.
Tel: 604.485.9633

Concert tickets will be available for sale online.
<https://tickets.powellriveracademy.org/TheatreManager/1/online>

Visitors to the building and room occupants will be limited. Please follow posted room occupancy numbers. At this time parents/guardians are asked to remain outside while your child has their lesson.

Please be assured that we are doing our best to provide a safe learning environment and we look forward to seeing everyone again soon.