

Return to Fall In Person Learning with First Notes - Music Together

As we prepare to return to in person learning, there are some things that you should be aware of before registering or coming to the first class.

First and foremost, it is important that we all observe the regulations and class policies that are in place for disease mitigation. The indoor classes are for vaccinated adults only, and all persons age 2 and up will wear masks. If you or your child cannot wear a mask while in class, please register for one of the online options. Medical exemptions will be considered with a valid exemption letter from your pediatrician. Understand that, even though we are doing everything possible to avoid infection, there is no way to make this activity risk free, and you are participating in this activity with that knowledge.

Class size is limited, which has implications for your decision making.

- Only one adult per child may attend class, preferably the same adult each week.
- No unregistered siblings are allowed to attend.
- No guests of any kind. This includes visiting grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins.
- Any necessary makeup classes must be scheduled in an online class. Each class will be treated as a learning “pod,” so keeping each group to the same members in each class is essential.

For the outdoor classes, we will have class unless it is raining heavily. Depending on all factors, we may meet in the rain if it doesn't create a safety hazard.

- In case of heavy rain, we'll move to zoom.
- The decision to move the class online will be made 60 - 90 minutes before class time.
- If it's chilly or raining lightly, we'll have class, so plan to dress appropriately.
- Don't forget sunscreen for your kiddos!
- At Pittsburgh Center for the Arts and Media, we have permission this session to use the restroom in the building. There will be classes going on in the Scaife Building, so we need to keep disruption to a minimum out of respect for those students/faculty/staff.

Our class routines will change in order for us to be consistent with the CDC recommendations for early childhood learning.

- Masks for everyone age 2 and up. Once at your spot in the outside classes, masks can be removed while in your family spot. Masks stay on indoors.
- If anyone in your family shows any evidence of Covid symptoms or if you have been exposed to someone with Covid, please stay home until your physician advises that it is safe to be around others, especially our unvaccinated children.
- Please bring hand sanitizer and kleenex with you for your family to use as you arrive and during class as necessary.

- Each family needs a place to call their own in class (both indoor and outdoor), so you'll need to bring a beach blanket, yoga mat, or moisture resistant outdoor blanket (for the outdoor classes) to sit on.
- Before class, I will put out vinyl dots to show you the middle of your family spot. I'll space these dots 8 feet apart.
- For our indoor classes, keep all shoes on until you're on your blanket. It's up to each family to decide on shoes on or off.
- I will give each family a bag of instruments for the day when you arrive. At the end of the class, I will collect the bags in order to clean the instruments and to wash the bags before they are used for another class.
- Please be aware of social distancing on your way in and out.
- In the "Goodbye" song, we'll all stand and use the words we've been singing online: instead of "and a hug or a handshake for all of your friends," we'll continue to sing "send a wave, blow a kiss to all of your friends." As hard as it will be for all of us (and, I really mean me), we'll resist hugging as we sing this song.