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COVID-19 BULLETIN FROM CFMTA/FCAPM

Greetings Colleagues -

"The times, they are a changin....."

With each passing day we hear more news of the spread and subsequent consequences of Covid 19. It can be difficult to sift through all the information we are being bombarded with - a result of our 24 hour news channels and every social media platform.

Many of us are in provinces where schools have closed and spring festivals have been cancelled. This is where we are in Saskatchewan. As private teachers we are called upon to find our own solutions to these situations. Fortunately as music teachers we are known for our creativity and are up to the task. Our best weapon is information and for all us that would be our government officials and provincial health departments. Each province has their own protocol and our best practice is to follow those guidelines.

Please reach out to others - if you know of teachers who don't have the support of a local RMT Branch, include them in your problem solving and lesson alternative planning.

Our students will be looking for routine in these times and our actions can lend themselves to that routine. Fear is our worst enemy - if we exercise caution and common sense we have every reason to be optimistic this will soon end.

Best wishes to you as you make your way through these next few weeks.

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HELPFUL HINTS AND TIPS

In light of the evolving situation regarding COVID-19, you may wish to consider the following tips for your studios. Thank you to ORMTA and BCRMTA for their contributions.

- **Stay informed.** Visit the Canadian Centre For Disease Control website at: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health.html>
- Visit the website of your local health authority for further details and updates for your area.
- Students should wash their hands as soon as they arrive in the studio.
- As a precaution, wipe down/disinfect surfaces (piano keys, pencils, pens, music stands, music books, etc.) between students.
- If students are experiencing any symptoms of cold or flu (sneezing, coughing, runny nose, fever, sick stomachs, etc.) they should not attend their lesson.
- If the student is well enough to have an online lesson during their regular lesson time and is staying home out of caution, set up a Facetime, Skype or other online meeting.
- If a student arrives sick, do not teach the lesson and call parents to pick them up.

Your CFMTA/FCAPM Officers wish you good health and good teaching!



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