

# AMANDA HERNANDEZ VIOLIN STUDIO

## HEALTH POLICIES

Effective from September 1, 2020 (Tentative Reopening Date)  
Protective Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19

Dear Parents,

I hope you and your family are in good health and are enjoying the summer months. I appreciate your cooperation and flexibility as we have transitioned to online lessons – I am so pleased at how students have continued making music and developing on their instruments during this time!

Even though I too look forward to being in-person again, the health of my students and their families must always be the top priority. Because the majority of my own teaching is tied to the public schools, the group of students who I teach from my home is quite small – currently less than ten. Regardless, I still want to make sure that I am doing all that I can to prevent the spread of the virus to anyone who may be vulnerable.

With case counts continuing to rise at an unpredictable rate, we will remain online through the end of the summer. It is my hope that it will be safe to resume in-person lessons in the fall; however, I am prepared to continue online learning for as long as necessary to protect the health of students and families. Though an official reopening date for in-person lessons is undetermined at this time, it is my plan to enact the following protective measures when in-person lesson resume:

- Students will unpack instruments outside and leave instrument cases on the front porch.
- Before entering the house, students will use hand sanitizer which will be provided.
- If you can see that there is a student already in the house, please wait for them to exit the house before entering.
- In order to maintain social distance, I will refrain from greeting students at the front door and remain in the lesson room. (As long as the front door is open, please let yourself in!)
- Upon entering, students should proceed directly to the lesson room where we will social distance to the best degree possible. (The room I teach lessons in is not huge – but it is possible to keep a certain distance! I will certainly refrain from any direct physical contact with students/parents in my teaching).
- To reduce surface areas touched, the bathroom will be off limits.
- At the end of the lesson, students will be responsible for wiping down the music stand (if applicable) and the door handles as they exit with disinfectant wipes which will be provided.
- Regarding masks – I will wear a mask at all times to protect students and their families. I strongly encourage students and parents to wear masks but am not requiring it. (Particularly for students who are very young – I question whether a mask will be more of a distraction than it is worth).
- Finally, if you or anyone in your household suspects they may be sick, **please stay home!**  
**Virtual lessons are always an option.**

Even when the studio reopens, for any family who wishes to keep lessons online, they are more than welcome to do so for as long as they feel comfortable. There is no roadmap for this – so we are all learning! We will continue to plan for online lessons, but I wanted to make sure to keep you updated on my plans for an eventual reopening. As always, if you have any questions please feel free to reach out!

Wishing you and your family my very best,  
Amanda Hernandez