

# Instrumental Music Guidelines

*Elementary and Secondary Schools*



The following guidelines are provided to assist school administrators in planning for the safe delivery of instrumental music during the Reopening of Schools for the 2020-2021 school year and are based on the Ministry of Education “Guide to Reopening Ontario’s Schools”. Additional refer to the [Ontario Music Educators’ Association](#) resource for suggestions on teaching music in line with current public health recommendations.). Principals and Vice-principals should consider the following guidelines in planning for the unique needs of each school community:

## Curriculum Expectations

- Most overall expectations for music can be met without the use of instruments in both the elementary and secondary arts curriculum.
- Some experiential learning expectations (singing, playing wind/brass instrument) may require alternate delivery (remote learning).

## Instrument Use

- Non-wind instruments are approved for student use. Shared instruments must be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized both before and after use.
- Wind instruments (any instrument with a mouth piece) are not to be used at this time.

## Additional Guidelines

- **Masks must be worn by all students in Grades 4 through 12 while indoors, including during music classes.** Students in Grades K-3 are encouraged to wear face covering at all times.
- No performances for students outside of a class/cohort are permitted.
- Students must wash or sanitize hands before participating in music class.
- Lower risk creative performance opportunities should be considered (no singing or wind instruments).