

## ADDITIONAL PANDEMIC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES 2021-2022

1. **Virtual lessons have worked so well that I will be offering them indefinitely!** This will allow for students to come when they are exposed to sickness, feeling under the weather, on vacations, staying with relatives or just too busy to drive to the Studio. Many families have been so happy with them that they are opting to continue with Skype lessons. There is no difference in the quality of the instruction.
2. **I would prefer to stick with virtual lessons until everyone is vaccinated but will offer a hybrid starting in Summer Semester for those who really want in person lessons.** This will be every other week and all in person lessons will be staggered by a virtual lesson. Please let me know your intent by June 21<sup>st</sup> so I can implement this policy into the current schedule for the summer.
3. There will be no breaks scheduled between the in-person lessons. Instead, I will wrap up a couple minutes early to follow students out and clean. **Students should arrive a couple minutes early to wash their hands before lessons so that we can start lessons on time.** Students are expected to exit the Studio immediately following their lesson. Waiting in the Studio while I teach the next lesson will not be permitted.
4. **For now only the student is allowed in the Studio and everyone must wear a mask.** The keys will be disinfected between lessons and allowed to dry during virtual lessons.
5. **Parents and siblings will not be able to wait inside the Studio during lessons.** Families are more than welcome to Skype me from your car to watch the lesson. Parental involvement is so important, hence another reason I encourage sticking with virtual lessons until everyone is vaccinated.
6. A mix of in person and virtual is totally fine and I will work with everyone to accommodate the desires of each family. For example, maybe they come once a month to lessons in person. **Let me stress that because of social distancing, the in-person experience is not going to be the same as pre-Covid.** This is in order to keep everyone safe of course and I will continue to follow CDC guidelines and make adjustments as we go along.
7. **If the student has ANY cold, flu, GI or allergy symptoms, even if they are mild, please let me know and take a Skype lesson instead.**
8. Finally, although this is asking a lot, **please do not touch the cats** until further notice.

Thank you,

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