



HMC Covid-19 Safety Protocols

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We've missed you! Here are some general policies in place to keep our students and staff as safe as possible while still being able to meet in person at our new home at The Gasworks. These protocols have been developed using public health guidelines from the province and from the city of Hamilton.

Students, Staff, Guests (personal responsibility):

- Please complete the Ontario school self-assessment before attending rehearsal. We ask that you only come to The Gasworks if you are feeling well and have passed this screening. <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>
- As per the city of Hamilton by-law, wearing a mask is mandatory for everyone entering the building and must be worn at all times while inside. This even includes vocalists during rehearsal! Sorry y'all.
- We ask that visitors please use the provided hand sanitizing and handwashing stations provided when exiting and entering the building and when needed throughout. Please sign the contact tracing clipboard upon entry. All common surfaces will be sanitized thoroughly before and after rehearsals.

Changes to Rehearsals/classes:

- Rehearsals will start promptly and run for 45 minutes. This allows for ample time to sanitize common surfaces between rehearsals and also time for the room to air out between groups. Bring a sweater!
- Our new space offers large, spacious rooms! Social distancing in rehearsals won't be a problem and students spots will be clearly marked. Singers will be stationed behind a plexiglass barrier.
- Students are required to bring their own instruments, sheet music, pencils and where possible (and applicable) their own patch cords, picks, drum sticks etc. Vocalists will be assigned their own mic to use for the year (to be kept at The Gasworks). For Jambassadors, a sanitized backline will still be provided (including keyboard, drums, amps etc.)

Arriving to rehearsal :

- Please plan for students to arrive no more than 10 minutes before scheduled rehearsal time. Where feasible, we ask that parents consider waiting for their students outside of the building.
- Students will be asked to follow signage in halls and stairways to make the best of traffic flow. Entrance to the building will be through the main doors off the back parking lot. Students will be directed to exit through 2 possible exits : 1. The side door on the north side of the building or 2. The "green room" doors which are next to the main entrance doors.