

Guidelines on Conducting Music Learning Activities for the Prevention of Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

(This guideline will be timely updated in response to the latest recommendations of the Centre for Health Protection and released via the web page “What’s New” of Arts Education Key Learning Area of the EDB)

Schools should take the following precautionary measures during Music lessons and related activities to minimise the risk of contracting and spreading COVID-19 on campus. This set of guidelines is written with reference to the Health Advice of Centre for Health Protection.

1. Preventive Measures

- 1.1 Remind students to maintain good personal hygiene, wash hands properly before and after lessons, and avoid sharing any personal items and touching eyes, mouth or nose during lessons.
- 1.2 If students are found to have fever, respiratory symptoms or sudden loss of taste or smell, teacher should stop them from participating in learning activities. Schools should inform their parents or guardians as soon as possible, and remind the students to seek medical treatment at once.
- 1.3 Maximise the use of space in the Music room in arranging seats to ensure a proper physical distance among students.
- 1.4 Open all windows of the Music room during lessons to maintain adequate ventilation. Use of fans in indoor spaces should be accompanied by means to increase outdoor air changes at the same time. Minimise air blowing directly from one person (or group of people) to another. If the air-conditioning system is used, ensure that there is sufficient fresh air supply.
- 1.5 Teachers, students and staff should wear a mask at all times during lessons. (except when playing wind instruments)
- 1.6 Disinfect musical instruments and equipment before and after use.
- 1.7 Clean and disinfect the Music room after use.
- 1.8 Provide 70-80% alcohol-based handrub in the Music room.
- 1.9 Remind students to keep a proper physical distance from each other when queuing up and entering or leaving the Music room in order to minimise the risks involved with crowd gathering.

2. Learning and Teaching Suggestions

- 2.1 Guiding Principles
 - 2.1.1 Avoid having students share musical instruments, textbooks or other learning and teaching materials.
 - 2.1.2 Ensure a proper physical distance between students when conducting group activities.
- 2.2 Additional Points to Note

If students are found to have a fever or respiratory symptoms during lessons, teachers should stop them from taking part in learning activities. Their parents or guardians should be informed so that they could bring the students to seek medical advice as soon as possible.

3. Reference

Health Advice to Schools for the Prevention of COVID-19:

<https://www.chp.gov.hk/en/features/102742.html>



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