

# MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

November 17, 2020

Dear College of Music Students,

We write to inform you that all in-person lessons will be suspended immediately and until at least December 8. This decision, consistent with Governor Whitmer's Executive Order, was made on the basis of scientific evidence related to the transmission of COVID-19.

Here is a quick summary:

1. In-person instruction, including 1:1 private lessons, is not permitted between November 18 and December 8. Please move to virtual instruction tomorrow morning.
2. Students may have access to the music facilities for practice alone and to do virtual lessons. Posted safety protocols must be followed explicitly. Chamber music rehearsals and rehearsals with collaborative pianists, are not permitted (except as outlined in #3).
3. We currently have twelve degree recitals scheduled prior to the end of the semester. If it is possible to complete these prior to Thanksgiving, that would be preferable. If any of these can be deferred to Spring Semester, let's plan to do so. Otherwise, these recitals (and the rehearsals leading up to them) may proceed using livestream with no audio/visual personnel or audience present. Since 1:1 teaching is not permitted, faculty may not attend rehearsals or the recital itself.



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Please understand that we must adopt a no-tolerance policy for compliance with safety protocols regarding access to and use of practice spaces. Students may only practice in spaces to which they have been assigned and which are posted on the doors of these spaces. Refresh times for these spaces must be strictly adhered to. Face coverings must be used as outlined in the posted protocols. Please be aware that personnel from the Office of Environmental Health and Safety are visiting our facilities regularly to ensure compliance. We also have employed student workers to monitor adherence to protocols. Any infraction will be reported immediately by these monitors to appropriate College personnel who will take immediate action. Failure to follow protocols may result in the deactivation of your key card access to College of Music facilities. This is done with the safety of our College of Music community in mind.

Please direct any questions or concerns about this message to your private lesson instructor or to Deans Forger, Kroth, or Rayl.

Be well and take good care. We are here for you and we will get through this pandemic together.

Sincerely,

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James Forger  
Dean

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Michael Kroth  
Professor of Bassoon  
Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies and Operations

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David Rayl  
Professor of Music and Director of Choral Programs  
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