



16 August 2020

Dear Suzuki Families,

Given the current COVID-19-related facts available to us from the Government of Ontario (see below) the BSA Board believes it is unsafe for students, parents, and teachers to resume person-to-person private instruction at this time.

All our teachers agree that although online/video lessons are not nearly as much fun as person-to-person lessons, they are in fact effective.... students are learning and progressing. And most importantly they are safe! Therefore, **we will continue with video/online private instruction from September 2020 to December 2020.**

Toward the end of December when we know how the COVID infection numbers have been affected by businesses and schools re-opening, the board will reconsider this decision. For the sake of a few more months we feel it's better to err on the side of caution.

In addition, **we will not offer group lessons or recitals at least through the end of December.** Therefore, the **September 1st BSA cheques will not be cashed.**

Stay kind to each other through this trying time. Enjoy what remains of our beautiful summer weather.

Sincerely,
The BSA Board

Facts from the Government of Ontario

(from information at Ontario.ca COVID-19: Stop the spread)

There is no specific treatment for COVID-19, and there is no vaccine that protects against the coronavirus that causes it.

COVID-19 is spread mainly from person to person through close physical contact.

Close physical contact means:

- being less than 2 metres away in the same room, workspace, or area
- living in the same home

Everyday Actions:

Take these everyday steps to reduce exposure to the virus and protect your health:

- wash your hands often with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- sneeze and cough into your sleeve
- avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth
- avoid contact with people who are sick
- stay home and self-isolate if you are sick

The best way to stop the spread of COVID-19 is by staying home and avoiding close contact with others outside of your household.

Physical Distancing:

Everyone in Ontario should practice physical distancing to reduce their exposure to other people — this means you should:

- stay home as much as possible
- go grocery shopping once a week or less,
- only visit pharmacies and banks when necessary and place orders over the phone or online
- staying at least two metres away from anyone you do not live with

It is recommended that you use a face covering (non-medical mask such as a cloth mask) to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19.