



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.