PROCEDURES FOR PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 IN THE HELSINKI CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC
Guidelines from October 20th onwards

Students, their guardians and other visitors to the Conservatory

The COVID-19 pandemic is in the acceleration stage in the Uusimaa region. Our goal at the Conservatory is to ensure the safe continuation of contact teaching for basic education in music and for upper secondary level vocational education. To reach this goal, we ask for the cooperation of everyone at the Conservatory, both our staff and students and those visiting our premises.

Please only come to the Conservatory if you are completely symptom-free. You should not have even the mildest symptoms of a respiratory disease.

Adults accompanying children may not access our classrooms or teaching floors unless a special exception has been granted. When needed, our teachers will collect the students for their lesson from the lobby. We ask all guardians to avoid spending unnecessary time at the Conservatory.

Face masks, social distancing and good hand hygiene
The novel coronavirus is most infectious during the two days before and after the onset of symptoms. This is why wearing a face mask is so important in avoiding the spread of the virus.

- Everyone over the age of 15 must wear a face mask while in the Conservatory building unless there is a medical reason preventing them from doing so. Younger students may also wear a mask as instructed by their guardians.
  - Put on your face mask before entering the Conservatory building.
  - While at the Conservatory, wear a face mask in all situations: during singing or instrument lessons, in orchestra and choir practices, during group lessons and while moving about.
  - For wind instrument classes, we use plexiglass guards and visors in addition to face masks as the situation allows.
- Wash or sanitize your hands when you arrive at the Conservatory building, when entering or exiting a classroom and before touching any instruments or communal devices.
- Keep a social distance of 1.5–2m while at the Conservatory.

Teaching and lessons

- Orchestras and choirs as well as other group lessons will continue with downsized groups.
- If a student or their teacher is under quarantine or has mild symptoms preventing them from coming to the Conservatory, lessons can be held remotely or other assignments given.
- We will continue scheduling vocational lessons and music school operations so that they do not overlap.

Concerts

- Concerts with the largest audiences (e.g. orchestra concerts) will be streamed online without any in-person audiences.
- Teachers’ Student Nights and other smaller concerts will continue operating for now under the current concert guidelines (restricted audiences, social distancing, wearing face masks, following good hand hygiene, etc.).

Contacting administrative staff

- Please contact our administrative staff primarily via phone or email. Any necessary in-person meetings should be scheduled in advance.

In the cafeteria

- Wash or sanitize your hands before using the cafeteria line.
- Maintain proper social distancing while getting your food and drinks.
- Do not move chairs around from one table to another (seats per table are restricted).

Guidelines for proper use of face masks: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Tv2BVN_WTk