



We are excited to have you join us this year! Please familiarize yourself with the following guidelines for UCCMA 2021-22 Classes. Guidelines may change throughout the year; please watch your email for updates.

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General Guidelines

- To help ensure the safety of our teachers and our students/families, **mask use is required by all people age 6 and over in inside spaces** as long as required by our space host or until we notify you otherwise (mask use in 4-6 year old classes is not required). These requirements will remain in place as long required by our space host. Due to space and number constraints, our limit is **two caregivers per family** in all caregiver/child classes.
- Be mindful that we share space in a wonderful facility that have their own requirements. Please **do not enter any area of the church that is blocked off**, including upstairs areas.
- Bathrooms will be regularly cleaned, and **parents are asked to wipe down/spray surfaces in bathrooms after use.**
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- UCCMA will clean all instruments and manipulatives after each class.

Arriving at Class

- Please arrive no earlier than **5 minutes before your class start time** to allow the teacher time to sanitize and air out the classroom between classes.
- UCCMA will provide **hand sanitizer** to each student and caregiver upon entering and leaving the classroom.

- UCCMA will provide individual family waiting areas in our lobby. Please do not move chairs, and please keep your family inside the waiting area.
- For an optimal educational experience, we ask that children not arrive rushed and be given time to settle themselves in the classroom ahead of class. Parents of younger children may read to their child using books provided; older children are invited to engage in pre-class activities with teachers. For older children, we ask that you give your child time to get to class, take off outerwear, and make a bathroom stop. Your teacher will open the classroom door when ready for the children.
- Food, toys or other "distractions" often cause problems rather than provide comfort when brought into music class. Since another child might want your child's drink or stuffed animal, please leave those things at home or in the car.

Parking and Entrance

- Parking and entrance to UCCMA will be by **the East parking lot and doors**, across from NCMC.

In-Class Guidelines

- UCCMA will maintain social distance for the majority of activities and will guide their students and families to do so as well. We understand that toddlers will want to wander and explore; we ask that you redirect your child if they wander into the space of another family.

Make-Up Class/Absence Policy

- **Attendance:** We encourage regular attendance to allow your child the best musical experience. Excitement towards music and music activities is built through repetition and expectations set over weeks of regular class.
- Tuition takes into account the fact that children get sick and may have to miss a class or two from time to time. We do offer opportunities to makeup classes missed; please email or call to join an existing class as space allows or to sign up for our occasional makeup classes. Drop-in make-ups are not available at this time.

Teacher Absence Policy

- If UCCMA cancels classes, we will schedule a makeup class for the missed class. If possible, we will schedule the make-up class during the same weekday and time as the missed class, but may schedule during the same weekday at a similar time or the same time on a similar day (MWF, or TTH).

Cleaning Policy

- UCCMA will sanitize our high-use areas throughout the day. This includes pianos, keyboards, drums, door handles, and bathrooms.

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Illness Policy

- If you or your student have a fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, or any other symptoms related to COVID-19 or another illness regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status OR if you are a close contact of someone with COVID-19 and not vaccinated against COVID-19, please do not enter UCCMA and instead **contact us**.

Cancellation and Enrollment Policy

- Students are enrolled continuously through the school year or summer, to allow parents a dependable schedule. Please let us know at least 2 weeks in advance of withdrawing from future 4 week sessions.
- We regret that no refunds will be given during a 4 week session.

What if my kids are Running around the circle and exploring the room OR doing nothing during music class? Ask yourself a few questions.

- **Are they safe?** Our rooms are generally safe for supervised toddlers and babies, however, there are a few things that are unsafe. Please keep your children from climbing onto or under any table, and from using drawers, drums, or stools to reach higher. Also, be mindful that drawers are not child-locked, and could pop open suddenly if pulled on.
- **Are they distracting other children?** Generally, a child who is exploring the room or wandering around the outside of the circle is not a distraction to the class or to other children. Many children learn best absorbing from observation and from moving. Occasionally, however, it's necessary to pull them back into the circle for a little lap sitting! If your child is touching other children, other parents' things, or is drawing excessive attention to themselves, please bring them back to your lap for a little cuddle and music play time to reset.
- **Are they learning?** Observe the child - toddlers often just watch, absorbing and thinking. You may see bits of music class in independent play, in requests for the home CD, in dancing or moving, but only see a wandering child during class. It's okay! As with language, music can be understood long before the child is ready to produce it independently, and music class is one of the great ways to create that aural and musical immersion so critical for developing musicality.

UCCMA reserves the right to amend these guidelines at anytime and will notify families of any changes via personal email and our website. Please check your email regularly for any changes that may need to be made.