



OUR RESPONSE TO COVID 19

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As the United States is now approaching phases of re-entry into life that slowly looks more similar to our lives before COVID-19, we wish to release a statement regarding safe practices that pertain to the work that ECMMA professionals do for schools, day-care centers, and thousands of families around the world.

- ECMMA is an international collective of professionals that prides itself on the active role of research and science in our community and how it informs our practice as early childhood educators.
- As an organization, we strongly value the role of science as it informs our practice; this does not change the fact that we are a collective of professionals who are people first. With this in mind, our leadership team has decided to approach this statement with the philosophy that just as we use science and research to inform our practice in serving people, we must turn to the expertise of medical professionals and scientific research to inform how we provide guidelines to protect our ECMMA certified professionals, our young musicians, and the families that we serve.
- We urge our US membership to strongly consider CDC guidelines for social distancing when planning and executing early childhood music and movement classes.
- As for our international membership, we would encourage you to refer to your governmental health organization for best practices when it comes to protecting the health of your families and families that you serve in your teaching practice.
- We wish to acknowledge the innovative and creative work of our membership in their delivering of instruction using technology and distance learning. We understand that, as a people first organization, this type of instruction has been shown to be an opportunity to practice our craft while protecting those whom we love at home as well as those whom we serve.
- Above all, we urge our professional membership to stay safe and consider the health and wellness of their families as a priority during this difficult time.

During this time of uncertainty, we will continue to update our membership and community with relevant resources as we navigate this difficult time.

We are with you, we are for you, and we are in this together.

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