Knollcrest Music Camp is excited to offer in-person opportunities in July/August 2021. Administrative staff has utilized guidelines and recommendations from the Centers of Disease Control (CDC), Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), Calvin University Coronavirus Response Team, and local health professionals to devise responsible and appropriate protocols to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Details are outlined below; any further adjustments will be made and communicated prior to the start of camp.

Updated CDC, MDHHS, and Calvin University Guidelines
In recent weeks, both the Centers of Disease Control and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services have issued significant updates, including specific guidance for summer day camps. Calvin University has responded to these recommendations by modifying university protocols with regard to masks, venue capacities, etc. Here are some key points relevant to KMC:

- It is recommended that all age-eligible persons (12 years and older) be vaccinated as soon as possible to keep from getting and spreading COVID-19.
- With the recent rescission of the MDHHS Gathering and Mask Order, masks are no longer required for anyone either outdoors or indoors, regardless of vaccination status. Individuals who choose to continue to wear a mask should feel free to do so.
- According to CDC and MDHHS guidance, masks are strongly recommended, but not required, for indoor summer camps. Calvin University does not require mask wearing as long as the community positivity rate remains below 3%. (It is currently 1.2%.) If the positivity rate starts to climb, unvaccinated individuals will be required to wear masks.
- KMC will not require staff and students to wear masks. This policy will also eliminate the required usage of further protective equipment (i.e., slitted face masks and instrument bell covers).
- Capacity of indoor and outdoor gatherings are no longer limited. Calvin University classrooms and performance venues will function at normal capacity.
- KMC cannot require staff and students to be vaccinated; however, KMC may inquire about vaccination status in order to determine and plan for mitigation strategies and protocols. Staff and students may refuse to provide this information, in which case KMC will treat these individuals as not vaccinated.
- KMC strongly encourages self-monitoring of COVID symptoms and trusts that individuals experiencing any symptoms will refrain from attending camp. All participating staff and students will be asked to take the KMC Community Pledge, affirming a commitment to protect themselves and others.

KMC Staff
Prior to the start of each camp week, teaching faculty are required to attend an informational session that outlines camp expectations, structure, and procedures. For KMC 2021, we will expand this session to include pertinent information on our specific health/safety protocols, including any adjustments to the camp program, facility maintenance, etc. KMC staff will be well-equipped to provide a safe, positive, and inclusive experience for participating students.

Facilities
All KMC rehearsals, classes, and performances will be held within the Covenant Fine Arts Center (CFAC). While room capacity restrictions have been lifted, efforts will be made to promote appropriate social distancing. Class sizes, student schedules, and room locations may be adjusted due to enrollment. KMC may utilize outdoor locations, immediately surrounding the CFAC, for certain rehearsals/classes (i.e., instrumental sectionals). Students will eat lunch (supervised by KMC staff) in the CFAC tent, located near the West Lobby entrance. In case of inclement weather, students will eat in designated locations within the CFAC.
Daily Procedures
All staff and participating students will be expected to self-monitor and report any pertinent symptoms/concerns in the days leading up to and throughout the camp week. *Individuals experiencing any symptoms should stay home.*

- The West Lobby will serve as the primary entrance for all staff and students. Parents/guardians will be asked to remain in their vehicles during the drop-off period.
- KMC staff and students are not required to wear masks or use further protective equipment (i.e., bell covers). Individuals who choose to do so will need to supply their own materials.
- KMC will adhere to guidelines for physical distancing. This will be 3x3 feet for classrooms and string rehearsals; 6x6 feet for band and choir rehearsals.
- KMC staff will take attendance at the beginning of each class period. Students will also be assigned a specific seat for each class. These intentional measures will help promote student safety and provide a mechanism for contact tracing, should any positive case(s) arise.
- KMC will implement proper cleaning and disinfecting protocols within all facilities (including classrooms, equipment, and restrooms).
- Students will eat lunch in the CFAC tent (weather permitting). Students should have their own packaged meals (either brought from home or purchased through Calvin Dining Services) and not share its contents with others. Students will be expected to wash and sanitize their hands before and after lunch. Tables and chairs will be cleaned thoroughly between each camp day.
- KMC will promote recommended hand-hygiene practices, including both washing and sanitizing.
- Afternoon assembly location(s) may be altered due to camp enrollment. Visitors will not be permitted to attend, but KMC anticipates the ability to provide a livestream of these daily presentations.
- At the end of each camp day, students should exit the building through the West Lobby. Parents/guardians will be asked to remain in their vehicles during the pick-up period.
- Friday afternoon assembly and evening performances will be open to families and friends. All guests will be expected to register through an online ticketing service (i.e., EventBrite) for contact tracing purposes. Those in attendance will be expected to follow guidance for COVID mitigation. It is anticipated that these performances will also be available via livestream.

Demonstrated COVID-19 Symptoms and/or Positive Tests
In the event that a staff member or participating student begins to experience symptoms while at KMC, he/she will be immediately removed from group activities and isolated. Such individuals will remain in a supervised, designated location (no longer than 8 hours) until a family member or legal guardian can arrive. Parents/guardians will be notified, within limited of HIPAA compliance, if someone in close contact with their son/daughter has tested positive for COVID-19. While a vaccinated individual is not required to quarantine after exposure, the recommended 14-day quarantine for a non-vaccinated individual would prohibit that student from completing his/her camp participation.

Communications from KMC
The KMC Director and Administrative Staff are committed to the health and safety of all involved. Clear, transparent communication will be provided leading up to and throughout the weeks of camp. Notifications may be distributed via email, social media outlets, or the KMC website. Please direct any questions or concerns to musiccamp@calvin.edu.