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Dear School of Music Faculty, Staff and Students,

In light of yesterday's announcement from President Darryll Pines to move all undergraduate in-person instruction online until September 14th and all graduate instruction to proceed as planned, I would like to clarify how this will affect guidelines for course instruction within the School of Music specific to applied lessons, the availability of practice rooms, and facility access.

All undergraduate and graduate applied lessons, which were scheduled to begin in a blended-learning format, will now begin online and remain online through the first four weeks of the semester in conjunction with the guidelines currently in place for large and small ensembles. Following this four-week period (August 31–September 25), the SOM administration will reassess and evaluate current pandemic statistics in conjunction with university guidelines and policies in place at that time. Should health and safety statistics show a significant decrease in the number of COVID positive cases, students and/or faculty will have the option to return to in-person learning if deemed appropriate.

As a reminder, all academic courses will begin and remain online for the entire semester. As noted above, large and small ensembles will begin online and will be reevaluated for in-person instruction after September 25th.

We are planning for School of Music facilities to be open beginning Monday, August 24th and are finalizing our plans for scheduled access to practice rooms, large classrooms and rehearsal spaces in accordance with safety and health guidelines set by the School of Music and the university as well as state and county mandates for safe distancing. In addition, all faculty will have the option to work and teach remotely from their offices and/or teaching studios.

Please be sure to visit our website at www.music.umd.edu for further updates as information becomes available.

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