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Dear School of Music Community,

Although we were scheduled to resume some in-person activities beginning Monday February 15th, we received word today from the new director of the University Health Center that our protocols for in-person activities would have to be reviewed and approved by the PG County Health Department before moving forward. This means that all applied lessons, studio classes, noon recitals and any previously approved in-person classes must remain online until we receive word from the UHC. However, access to practice rooms will remain available to all students and the continuation of recital preparations may proceed as scheduled. We are hoping to have approval and/or updated recommendations by early next week.

I know this news is disappointing given all that we have done to ensure proper health and safety guidelines within our school, but the recent change of leadership at the health center coupled with the emergence of the new strains of the COVID virus has resulted in a higher level of scrutiny for in-person activities within the school. As always, your health, safety and well-being continue to be our first priority.

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