



Student Guide to Distance Learning

At a time when many things are suddenly different, we are fortunate that we can continue to play and learn music with each other. In this guide you will find tips for how to get set up for effective video conference lessons and classes.

- **Obtain a device with a camera and microphone (e.g. laptop, smartphone, tablet, etc).** Regular built-in cameras and microphones will work fine.
- **Set up in a quiet room.** Background noise, including fans, tvs, pets, and siblings can interfere with call quality. Make sure there is plenty of light and angle your device (set yourself up) to ensure that the camera can see your instrument.
- **Plug in your devices!** Video conferencing drains the battery quickly.
- **Check your internet connection.** Look for download speeds of 3-4 mbps and upload speeds 1 mbps or higher.
- **Practice using the video conferencing platform that you select with your teacher.** Just like in your lessons, the more you practice, the easier it is.
- **Gather your musical equipment:** Instrument, sheet music, assignment sheets/lesson notebook, pencil, metronome/tuner, music stand.
- **Get ready early.** Use the time you would have been driving to get your technology set up.
- **Enjoy your lesson! We can't wait to see and hear you.**

See Distance Learning Technology Guide for details on equipment, platforms, and best practices.