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Northwest Children's Theater: In-Person Summer Camp Safety Protocols

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We appreciate your family working with us to keep everyone at NWCT safe during summer camp! **Please review the procedures below with your child before coming to camp.**

*NWCT will follow all CDC, state, and local guidelines for safety procedures, and will continue to closely monitor infection rates throughout the summer. **NWCT reserves the right to change any in-person camp to an online camp at any time for safety reasons. Refunds will not be provided if a camp moves online.***

Camp Registration & Camp Pods:

Students may only be part of one “camp pod” throughout the week of camp.

- Per week, you may register for a morning camp OR an afternoon camp, but not both.
- Limited full-day camps will be offered throughout the summer.
- We understand that some families may need to carpool to camp. *We request that if you must carpool, you do so with someone in your child's camp to avoid mixing camp pods.*
- Teaching artists will also adhere to this policy.

Camps are currently capped at 14 participants (including teaching artists).

- We will closely monitor the infection rates in Multnomah County and compare those against our rigorous safety procedures to determine if we can add students from the waitlist closer to class time.

Before Camp Begins:

Each day, families must complete an online daily screening questionnaire by 8:30am or 12:30pm, depending on the start time of your camp.

The form will ask about:

- Camper and household members' potential COVID symptoms (cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, fever, chills, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell)
- Contact with a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19



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- Positive tests for COVID-19 that have not yet been cleared as non-contagious by state or local public health authorities
- Any household travel within the last 14 days
 - We request that you do not schedule your child for camp fewer than 14 days after anyone in your household has traveled internationally or domestically

If the form is not complete, or the answers indicate that it is not safe for a child to attend, that camper will not be permitted to attend. All screening information will remain completely confidential.

We appreciate your careful choices outside of camp that will help us care for everyone involved!

Drop Off & Check-in Procedures:

- Arrival times will be staggered during the half hour before camp begins. You will be assigned your arrival time the week before camp begins.
- Adults will stay in their cars throughout the drop-off/screening process. NWCT staff will be in the parking lot to help with traffic flow.
 - **All family members must wear a [CDC-approved mask](#) for check-in.**
 - If you are traveling by public transit, by foot, or by bike there will be a separate pedestrian line for check-in. Social distancing (6 feet apart) is required.
- When you arrive at the head of the line, NWCT staff will check that you have completed your screening form. Campers will also be checked for a fever with an infrared thermometer.
- Once cleared, campers will be given a disposable mask and asked to sanitize their hands upon exiting the car (sanitizer will be provided).
- Campers will gather with their teaching artists outside before entering the building.

Staff and teaching artists will also undergo daily screenings and wear CDC-approved PPE.

During Camp:

Masks, Hand Washing, and Social Distancing

Campers, staff, and teaching artists must wear snug, well-fitting masks at all times.



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- Disposable masks will be provided to campers each day (with a new disposable mask after lunch for full-day camp participants). You are welcome to wear personal fabric masks over top of your disposable masks.
 - Participants in Skills Camps or Playlabs that include singing must be double-masked or wear an NWCT-issued respirator.
- Masks may only be removed for outdoor snack/lunchtime and for quickly drinking water.
 - We recommend bringing a filled water bottle to camp in addition to your snack.

Hand washing/sanitizing will be required upon entrance to camp, after using the restroom, and before & after lunch/snack breaks.

Classrooms will be set up to help students maintain appropriate social distancing.

- Although state regulations currently require 3 feet of distance between students, we will strive for 6 feet as often as possible.
- Campers will remain on one floor throughout the camp session (including bathroom use) and will have standard traffic paths to limit indoor interaction with campers outside of their pod.

All NWCT teaching artists in the classrooms at the same time as campers will be vaccinated.

Cleaning, Sanitizing, and Air Flow

NWCT Staff will clean and sanitize regularly.

- High-touch areas (doorknobs, sinks, etc.) will be cleaned throughout the day
- Shared items will be cleaned in between uses and kept to a minimum
- Classrooms will be cleaned, aired out, and sanitized in between pod use
- The full building will be thoroughly cleaned daily

Camps will only be held in spaces that are ventilated.

- Classroom windows will be open at all possible times to maximize clean air in the space.
- Each classroom will have an industrial air purifier with a minimum CADR of 600, creating a minimum of 6 Air Changes/Hour (ACH). (Above and beyond CDC recommendations.)



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- Camps that include singing will be held in the classrooms with the best possible ventilation.

Symptoms & Positive COVID Tests

Any camper, teaching artist, or staff member who becomes unwell or displays COVID-19 symptoms while at camp, will be asked to leave camp immediately.

- Campers will wait comfortably in an outdoor isolation area (or indoors if weather is inclement) with a dedicated staff member who will contact their parent or caregiver to arrange for immediate pick-up.
- Any camper, teaching artist, or staff member displaying COVID-19 symptoms, will be asked to get tested before returning to camp.

If a camper, teaching artist, staff member, or household member tests positive for COVID-19, the relevant camp will immediately transition to an online camp.

- All families with campers considered in contact with the positive tested person (inside, within 6 feet, for more than 15 minutes) will be notified by NWCT staff that they should consider quarantining.
- All families participating in any camp during the same week as the positive case will be notified by NWCT staff.
- The identity of the person who tested positive will remain confidential.
- Refunds will not be provided if a camp moves online.

We request that any positive COVID-19 tests during camp or in the weeks following camp be reported to NWCT so that we can alert Multnomah County and assist with contact tracing efforts.

Pick Up Procedures and Final Performances/Demonstrations

**Campers will wait outside with an NWCT staff member during pickup.
Parents/Caregivers may not enter the building for any reason.**

- If your child's camp is preparing a final performance or demonstration, it will either be filmed and distributed via email, or presented for parents via Zoom.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact our Education Associate, Makaela Terance, at classes@nwcts.org or 503-222-2190, option 2.