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## **Northwest Children's Theater: In-Person Theater School Safety Protocols**

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

*Policies are based on CDC, state, and local guidelines for safety procedures. **NWCT reserves the right to change any in-person class to an online class at any time for safety reasons. Refunds will not be provided if a class moves online.***

### **Before Coming to Class:**

**Please do not attend class if your child has tested positive for COVID-19 or has a primary COVID symptom.**

Primary symptoms are:

- A fever of 100.4 or higher
- Chest cough
- Loss of taste or smell
- Difficulty breathing

### **NWCT is following current CDC guidance around quarantine times:**

- Positive test or primary symptom: Students must quarantine for 5 days. Primary symptoms must be clear before returning to class.
- Exposure: If a student is exposed to someone with COVID-19, quarantine is no longer required.

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

### **Drop Off & Check-in Procedures:**

- Drop off and health screenings will occur outdoors. Specific details will be included in your welcome email (sent approximately one week prior to the first day of class).
- When you arrive at the head of the line, NWCT staff will check students for a fever with an infrared thermometer and ask the following screening questions:
  - Have you tested positive for COVID-19?
  - Do you have primary symptoms?



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- Once cleared, students will be given a disposable mask and asked to sanitize their hands (sanitizer will be provided).

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

### **During Class:**

#### ***Masks, Hand Washing, and Social Distancing***

**Students, staff, and teaching artists must wear masks at all times.**

- Disposable masks will be provided to students each class. You are welcome to wear personal fabric masks over top of your disposable masks.
  - If you would like to wear your own KF-94, KN-95 or N-95 masks, please bring a new mask to change into during your health check-in.
  - Participants in Skills Classes or Playlabs that include singing must wear an NWCT-issued respirator.
- Masks may only be removed for quickly drinking water.
  - We recommend bringing a filled water bottle to class.

**Hand washing/sanitizing will be required upon entrance to the building and after using the restroom.**

**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.
- Students will remain on one floor throughout the class session (including bathroom use) and will have standard traffic paths to limit indoor interaction with students outside of their pod.

*All NWCT teaching artists in the classrooms at the same time as students will be vaccinated and boosted as of February 1, 2022.*

#### ***Cleaning, Sanitizing, and Air Flow***

**NWCT Staff will clean and sanitize regularly.**



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**Classes 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.)
- Classes that include singing will be held in the classrooms with the best possible ventilation.

***Symptoms & Positive COVID Tests***

**Any student, teaching artist, or staff member who displays primary COVID-19 symptoms while in the building, will be asked to leave class immediately.**

- Students 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 student, teaching artist, or staff member displaying primary COVID-19 symptoms, will be asked to get tested before returning to class.

*We request that any positive COVID-19 tests during class or in the days following class be reported to NWCT so that we can alert exposed students. Personal information will be kept confidential.*

**Pick Up Procedures and Final Performances/Demonstrations**

**Pickup will occur outdoors. More specific details will be included in your welcome email. Parents/Caregivers may not enter the building for any reason.**

- If your child's class is preparing a final performance or demonstration, it will be filmed and distributed via email.

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