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Northwest Children's Theater: In-Person Catalyst 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 or Rehearsal:

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.
- 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/Rehearsal

Masks, Hand Washing, and Vaccinations

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 Catalyst classes and projects that include singing must be double-masked or 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.

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.

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

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.



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- 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. At this time, parents/caregivers may not enter the building for any reason.

- We are currently planning to have live audiences for Catalyst's spring performances. More details coming soon!

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact Dustin Brown at dustin@nwcts.org.