



COVID 19 PROTOCOLS FOR 2020/21

As we are all navigating these challenging times, we are committed to keeping up to date with the Ministry requirements for theatre/classroom programs in B.C. Our first priority is always to keep our staff and students safe and healthy, so we will be implementing the following health measures for our program and following the B.C. Guide for students:

- Regular cleaning of high-touch areas will be conducted throughout the day (ie. doorknobs, bathrooms, light switches)
- Hand sanitizer will be available in the studio for regular hand-sanitizing
- Students will be instructed to wash/sanitize their hands when they arrive in the morning, after they use the washroom, before and after they eat snack/lunch, when they leave
- ONLY students will be allowed in the building - drop-off and pick-up will happen in the parking lot
- If a student or teacher/adult has any symptoms of a cold, flu, COVID-19, or any other respiratory disease, they must not enter the facility
- Physical distancing will be maintained in the rehearsal space as per B.C.'s Back to School Plan
- Masks are not mandatory at this time, but if you wish to wear a mask/face shield you may do so
- We will require parents to conduct screenings at home using the following questions before coming to class each week:
 1. Does your child have the symptoms of a common cold, flu, COVID-19, or other infectious respiratory disease?
 2. Has your child been outside Canada in the last 14 days?
 3. Has your child been identified as a close contact of a confirmed case or outbreak?
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This is a quote from the B.C. Government Response to COVID 19 website: According to current worldwide data, COVID-19 has a very low infection rate in people 19 years old and under, and especially low in children under the age of 10. Serological tests have confirmed that in B.C., less than 1% of all children tested have been COVID-19 positive. Studies show that most COVID-19 cases in children originate from symptomatic adult family members, not from peers. Even in family bubbles, adults appear to be the primary spreaders of the virus. Children who do test positive for COVID-19 usually have milder symptoms, such as a low-grade fever, dry cough, and gastrointestinal issues.