

## **7<sup>th</sup> Street Kids COVID-19 Protocol: Policies and Procedures 2021**

Please read 7<sup>th</sup> Street Kids plans to ensure the health and safety of our Kids, volunteers, and staff in regards to COVID-19. We are eager to have an in-person experience and will be expecting all participants, staff, and volunteers to follow our safety protocols. We will be following the Washington State Covid-19 Requirements for Live Theater and Performing Arts.

**If you are uncomfortable with any of the following guidelines, including mask wearing, or believe your child may not be able to follow the health and safety guidelines, please do not have your child audition this year.**

**Please note:** As our understanding of COVID-19 and best practice changes, this guide may be updated. At any time during the program, our policies may be enhanced or relaxed. We will do our best to communicate changes with parents/guardians as soon as possible.

**COVID-19 Exposure:** The 7<sup>th</sup> Street Kids organization is working hard to minimize the risk of COVID-19 exposure during rehearsals. However, it is important to note that we cannot guarantee that an exposure to COVID-19 won't occur during rehearsals. We will be doing health screenings, cleaning and sanitizing, and changing some of our policies to make sure the risk is as low as possible, but there is always a chance of exposure.

**Higher Risk Exposure:** We recommend that children with underlying health conditions not plan to participate this summer as risk factors may be increased, even with enhanced safety conditions. Please consult with your child's medical provider, if needed.

**AUDITIONS:** Will be held by appointment this year. In order to audition, an online pre-registration must be completed by a parent or guardian. Deadline for pre-registration is May 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Arrival:** Please arrive at the front of the theater promptly for your audition appointment in order to have a health screening, picture taken, and get a name tag. MASKS REQUIRED. Parents/guardians will not be allowed into the theater for auditions.

**Audition:** Will be 30 minutes long and the whole process should take about an hour. The dance and song portions will be posted to practice and learn before auditions.

**Departure:** Will be out of the J Street door on the side of the theater. We ask that parents/guardians stay in their cars or be wearing masks and following social distancing guidelines. Volunteers will make sure that your child is safe at arrival and departure times.

**REHEARSALS:** Will be held at the theater. MASKS REQUIRED

**What to bring:**

- Personal water bottle, clearly labeled with Kid's name.
- Comfortable mask to wear
- Closed toe shoes and comfortable, moveable clothing
- Blanket or sweatshirt to keep warm in the theater

**What NOT to bring:**

- Toys including but not limited to stuffed animals
- Action figures
- Electronics or tablets (if your child brings a cell phone, it will be kept in their personal area until the end of rehearsal)

**Arrival:** Kids arriving for rehearsal will enter the side (J Street) door. Parents/guardians should remain in their vehicles, or be at least 6 feet from other Kids or staff. Once your child has been temperature checked and let into the theater you are free to go. With our reduced number of Kids this year, this should not take more than a few minutes each morning.

**Departure:** Kids will be released to their parents/guardians from the theater door on J Street. Parents/guardians will not be allowed inside the theater to wait, use the restroom, etc. We ask that parents/guardians stay in their cars or be wearing masks and following social distancing guidelines. Volunteers will make sure that your child is safe at departure times.

**Physical distancing during rehearsals:** We are committed to maintaining Kid-Kid and Kid-Adult physical distancing as much as possible during rehearsals. It is for this reason we have reduced the number of Kids who will be able to participate this summer. However, there may be some situations when physical distancing isn't possible (like costume fittings) and both parties will be required to be masked. Kids will be asked to stay in their own "zones," which will be designated by tape or other means of personalization. Unless instructed otherwise, Kids MUST wear masks during rehearsals, except when getting a drink or eating lunch. Kids will also maintain distance during check-in, check-out, and restroom breaks.

**Hygiene:** Before and after each rehearsal, surfaces will be disinfected in the theater and restrooms. Kids, directors, and volunteers will be asked to wash hands or use sanitizer frequently. Sanitizer and wipes will be provided. IF YOUR CHILD IS ALLERGIC TO THESE ITEMS, PLEASE INFORM US so that we can provide an alternative. Each Kid will have their own labeled bag to store personal items during rehearsals.

**Sharing:** Kids love sharing with each other, but this is not the time. They must not share pencils, water bottles, blankets, etc. They may share sweet smiles and air fives.

**Please do not send your Kid to rehearsal if they are sick or have started exhibiting any of the following symptoms in the last 24 hours in a way not normal to your Kid:**

- **Fever or chills**
- **Cough**
- **Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing**
- **Fatigue**
- **Muscle or body aches**
- **Headache**
- **New loss of taste or smell**
- **Sore throat**
- **Congestion or runny nose**
- **Nausea or vomiting**
- **Diarrhea**

**Please do not send your Kid to rehearsal if any of the following statements are true:**

- **Your Kid has been in close contact with someone confirmed to have COVID-19.**
- **Your Kid has had a positive COVID-19 test for active virus in the last 10 days.**
- **Your Kid has been told by a public health or medical professional within the past 14 days to self-monitor or self-quarantine because of concerns about COVID-19 infection.**

**In the event of illness or suspected illness during rehearsals:** If it appears that your Kid is ill, or develops a fever during rehearsal, they will be isolated in the theater lobby. You will be contacted and expected to pick up your Kid immediately. It is very important that we have contact information.

**In the event of a positive COVID-19 case in our group:** 7<sup>th</sup> Street Kids will notify health officials, directors, volunteers, and families immediately, while maintaining confidentiality as required by state and federal laws. We will follow recommendations of the health officials on the continuation of the program.

Please contact 7<sup>th</sup> Street Kids with any questions or concerns through our Facebook page or by emailing us at [kids7thst@hotmail.com](mailto:kids7thst@hotmail.com).