

7th Street Kids COVID-19 Protocol: Policies and Procedures 2022

Updated: June 18, 2022.

Changed masking requirement during rehearsals to “mandatory.”

We are eager to continue having an in-person theater experience and will be expecting all participants, parents, family members, workers, and volunteers to follow our safety protocols.

If you are uncomfortable with any of the following guidelines, 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 RISK: The 7th Street Kids organization is working hard to minimize the risk of COVID-19 exposure during auditions, rehearsals and performances. However, it is important to note that we cannot guarantee that an exposure to COVID-19 won't occur during any of these or other 7th Street Kids activities. 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.

COVID-19 PRECAUTION - STAY AT HOME POLICY:

All children, volunteers, Directors and others are expected to stay home and NOT enter the theatre if they are showing any symptoms of COVID-19, test positive, or are exposed to another who has tested positive. Detailed instructions for staying at home and when to return to the theatre can be found starting on the next page.

AUDITIONS: Will be held by appointment this year. In order to audition, an online pre-registration must be completed by a parent or guardian. Register by May 27th.

Arrival: Enter at the front of the theater. Masks are welcome and optional. Those who prefer to wear a mask are welcome to do so. Parents/guardians will not be allowed into the theater for auditions.

Audition: Will be 30-45 minutes long and the whole process should take about an hour. If wearing a mask, a child may be asked to remove it while on stage for their audition.

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

REHEARSALS: Will be held at the 7th Street Theatre.

What to bring:

- Personal water bottle, clearly labeled with Kid's name.
- **Mask, MANDATORY DURING REHEARSALS STARTING JUNE 20TH**

Mask Protocol: The use of masks upon arrival and during rehearsals HAS BEEN CHANGED TO MANDATORY. Covid cases are now very active throughout our community. To try to minimize illness and disruption to the rehearsal process, we are requiring the use of masks by all cast, directors and volunteers during rehearsals.

Arrival: Kids arriving for rehearsal will enter at the front of the theater. Rehearsals are closed to parents/guardians. To avoid congestion, parents/guardians should not accompany their child into the lobby.

Departure: Kids will exit the theater through the front doors. We ask that parents/guardians wait outside the theater doors. Volunteers will make sure that your child is safe at arrival and departure times.

Physical distancing during rehearsals: Even though social distancing is not required, we ask all participants to respect the personal space of others.

Hygiene: Surfaces and restrooms will be disinfected in the theater on a regular basis. Kids, directors, and volunteers will be asked to wash hands or use sanitizer upon arrival and frequently while in the theater. 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 space to store personal items during rehearsals.

Sharing: Kids love sharing with each other, but this is not the time. We will urge them to NOT share personal items such as water bottles and blankets.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS MUST MONITOR THEIR KID FOR SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS AND KEEP CHILDREN HOME WHEN:

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, keep your Kid at home and follow these procedures for deciding when they can return to rehearsal:

- **IF SYMPTOMS ARE:** Fever or chills; shortness of breath or difficulty breathing; muscle or body aches; loss of taste or smell; and/or cough (new, changed, or worsening).

Keep your Kid at home, get tested for COVID-19 or seek medical diagnosis.

If COVID-19 test is NEGATIVE, Kid may return to rehearsal when:

1. No fever within the past 24 hours (without medication)
- AND**
2. Symptoms have significantly improved

If Kid tests positive for COVID-19, or does not get a COVID-19 test, or does not receive an alternate diagnosis from a health care provider, then KID may only return to rehearsal after 5 days, and when:

1. No fever within the past 24 hours (without medication) **AND**
 2. Symptoms have significantly improved **AND**
 3. Wear a mask around others days 6–10 **OR** test negative with an antigen test to return without a mask
- If they cannot wear a mask and do not test negative after day five, they must continue isolating through day 10.

- **IF SYMPTOMS ARE: Congestion or runny nose; nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea; headache; fatigue; and/or sore throat.** Keep your Kid at home and monitor symptoms.

If only one of the symptoms is present and it resolves within 24-48 hours, Kid may return to rehearsals when:

1. No fever within the past 24 hours (without medication)
- AND**
2. Symptoms have significantly improved

If more than one symptom is present and symptoms do not resolve in 24 hours, then continue to isolate at home, get tested for COVID-19 or seek medical diagnosis. If Kid tests positive for COVID-19, or does not get a COVID-19 test, or does not receive an alternate diagnosis from a healthcare provider, then KID may only return to rehearsal after 5 days, and when:

1. No fever within the past 24 hours (without medication) **AND**
2. Symptoms have significantly improved **AND**
3. Wear a mask around others days 6–10 **OR** test negative with an antigen test to return without a mask

If they cannot wear a mask and do not test negative after day five, they must continue isolating through day 10.

PARENTS MUST KEEP YOUR KID AT HOME AND NOT SEND TO REHEARSAL IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS ARE TRUE, EVEN THOUGH NO SYMPTOMS ARE PRESENT:

- Your Kid has been in close contact with someone who tested positive for, or who is confirmed to have COVID-19.
- Your Kid has had a positive COVID-19 test.
- Your Kid has been told by a public health or medical professional to self-monitor or self-quarantine because of concerns about COVID-19 infection.

Your Kid must stay home for 5 days or as otherwise directed by a healthcare provider, and may return to rehearsal only if no symptoms develop. The Kid must wear a mask for an additional 5 days during rehearsals after returning.

IF AT ANY TIME SYMPTOMS DEVELOP, then you must follow the procedures listed above under “PARENTS/GUARDIANS MUST MONITOR THEIR KID FOR SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS AND KEEP CHILDREN HOME.”

Residents of Grays Harbor County may be eligible to receive free COVID-19 home test kits each month. Visit: <https://sayyeshometest.org/> to order the test kits from the Washington Department of Health (DOH) for your household.

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.

In the event of a positive COVID-19 case in our group: 7th Street Kids will notify 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 7th Street Kids with any questions or concerns through our Facebook page or by emailing us at Contact@7thStreetKids.org.