



TSP COVID-19 Procedure Guide

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Dear Theatre South Playhouse Family,

As we manage through these unprecedented times, Theatre South Playhouse remains committed to your safety and health. We continue to take direction from the Centers for Disease Control, health experts, our partnering local theaters and arts industry leaders and adjust our plans accordingly. We have updated our COVID-19 PROCEDURE GUIDE to give guidance on what to do should you feel like you have COVID-19 symptoms, COVID-19 exposure or test positive for COVID-19.

In order to offer our performers and families the safest and most enjoyable experience possible, the following operational changes will remain in effect until further notice.

Theatre South Playhouse (TSP) will continue to incorporate enhanced safety measures, including increased cleaning procedures, the use of appropriate face coverings by staff, performers and guests, when required, and additional safety training for staff.

An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, senior citizens and guests with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable.

By participating in any TSP shows, events or classes, you voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19.

Given this unprecedented situation, we appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as we navigate through this process responsibly. Please read our updated guide and then retain it for your records.

Thanks so much for your continued support of the performing arts. Let's continue to look out for each other while we welcome back live theatre!

With much appreciation,
Hillary Brook
Executive Director of Theatre South Playhouse



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Face covering requirements



Starting Monday, February 28th, mask wearing will be optional for our students and clients. All musical theatre, voice lessons and rehearsals will still require a mask. Until further notice all audiences will still be required to wear a mask that covers their nose and mouth while inside our spaces. Until further notice, all staff will remain in masks.

Physical distancing



We are encouraging physical distancing by spreading out in our classrooms and rehearsal spaces. All food breaks will be eaten outdoors.

Wash and sanitize hands often



We are encouraging staff and performers to wash/sanitize their hands several times throughout the day. Ample hand sanitizer stations have been strategically placed throughout the classrooms, lobbies, and public areas.

Sick Student/Performer/Staff



Sick students, performers and staff are asked to stay home if they are feeling ill. If a staff member, student or performer appears ill, they will be isolated in a safe place and asked to go home immediately.

****Until further notice, masks will be required for our audiences for Public Performances.***



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THE TSP COVID PLAN FEBRUARY 2022

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- We will continue with constant cleaning and disinfecting of all areas by our staff
- Please monitor your own child’s health and please keep them home if they are not feeling well
- Please sanitize at the front door and throughout the day

MASK USE: **Subject to change*

- All staff will remain in masks while indoors at all times while students are present.
- Mask wearing is encouraged but now optional for all students, with the exception of musical show rehearsals, musical theater class.

**These policies will be reevaluated in two weeks.*

FOR PRIVATE LESSONS:

- Masks will be optional for voice students in certain voice studios. A list will be made available of our different voice studio policies.
- All staff must be in masks for all private lessons until further notice.

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- All lunches and snacks will be eaten outside on our patio outside the theater, socially distant
- If needed, families can choose to go “online” and continue the same program at home; students would then meet online with our classroom facilitator every morning and will end their day with our TSP theatre classes online



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- **If a student, staff member or a family member within the same household tests positive for COVID, the student or staff member may not return to school until a quarantine time of at least 5 days and they submit a negative COVID test**

SHOWS: We are pleased to announce that our actors will now have the option to go maskless or clear guards for performances with proof of a negative COVID test during tech week and shows by our free testing partner Healthworks. This is optional, actors may opt out of testing and use a regular mask that will be themes to their performance piece.

**Students and performers will not be entitled to a refund for missing any classes, rehearsals, or performances due to illness, Covid-19 symptoms, potential exposure/close contact to Covid-19 or testing positive for Covid-19*

Given this unprecedented situation, we appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as we navigate through this process responsibly.

-Team Theatre South Playhouse

Procedure for Potential Exposure or Close Contact:

1. If a an unvaccinated student, performer or staff member has experienced potential exposure or has been in close contact or has primary contact with someone who has COVID-19-like symptoms and/or is awaiting test results, then, The student, performer or staff member must:
 - a. Notify the Admin desk at TSP via email at Admin@TheatreSouthPlayhouse.org of the close contact/ potential exposure as soon as possible but no more than 12 hours after knowledge of the COVID-19 contact.
2. The student, performer or staff member may not return to TSP or participate in any TSP sponsored event until:



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- a. At least 5 days of quarantine have passed, AND
- b. Are symptom-free for at least 72 hours (no cough or shortness of breath), AND
- c. No fever for at least 72 hours (three full days of no fever) without the use of fever-reducing medicine, AND
- d. Have received a negative test within 72 hours of returning to TSP.
- e. Student, performer or cast may participate in virtual rehearsal or classes if possible while at home, but will not be entitled to a refund due to missing any rehearsals, classes, or performances.

Procedure for A Student, Performer or Staff Member tests positive for COVID-19:

1. If a vaccinated or unvaccinated student, performer or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, then the student, performer or staff member must:
 - a. Notify the Admin Desk at TSP at Admin@TheatreSouthPlayhouse.org via email of the positive COVID-19 diagnosis as soon as possible but no more than 12 hours after knowledge of the COVID-19 contact.
2. The student, performer or staff member may not return to TSP or participate in any TSP sponsored event until:
 - a. At least 5 or more days of quarantine have passed since testing positive for COVID-19, AND
 - b. Are symptom-free for at least 72 hours (no cough or shortness of breath), AND
 - c. No fever for at least 72 hours (three full days of no fever) without the use of fever-reducing medicine, AND
 - d. Have received a negative COVID test within 72 hours of returning to TSP.
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Thank you for following these guidelines so that we may ensure safe learning and get back to live theatre!