

7TH STREET KIDS

2023 COVID-19 PROTOCOL: Policies & Procedures

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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 COVID-19 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.** 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 self-isolate for a **minimum of 5 days** from the date of a positive COVID-19 test, or 5 days from symptom onset. If you develop symptoms after testing positive, your 5-day stay at home period should start over. Day 0 is your first day of symptoms.

You may come back to 7th Street Kids workshop rehearsals on or after day 6 if:

- You have isolated at home for a minimum of 5 days; AND
- Your symptoms have significantly resolved, for example, no uncontrolled cough or shortness of breath; AND
- You have been fever-free for at least 24 hours without taking fever-reducing medications.
- You must wear a well-fitting mask for 5 calendar days upon returning to rehearsals to protect others.

Grays Harbor County residents 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.

OTHER ILLNESSES - STAY AT HOME POLICY

Parents/Guardians **MUST MONITOR** their cast member for symptoms of other illness, and **KEEP CHILDREN HOME** when experiencing symptoms of illness during the past 24 hours that are not normal for your child.

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. A child with Covid-19 symptoms should follow the COVID-19 - Stay at Home protocol listed above.

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- Your symptoms have significantly resolved; AND
- You have been fever-free for at least 24 hours without taking fever-reducing medications.

AUDITIONS

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 19th to guarantee an audition appointment.

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 are not allowed in the theater during 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 until they see their child exit the theatre. Volunteers will make sure that your child is safe at arrival and departure times.

REHEARSALS

All rehearsals will be held at the 7th Street Theatre.

What to bring: Personal water bottle, clearly labeled with Kid's name.

Masks: The use of masks upon arrival and during rehearsals is **optional**, and those that would prefer to wear a mask are encouraged to do so.

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 door of the theatre. We ask that parents/ guardians wait outside the theatre. Volunteers will make sure that your child is safe at arrival and departure times. During dress rehearsals, the departure location may change to the J Street door.

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.

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**.