

7TH STREET KIDS

2025 HEALTH SAFETY POLICY

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We expect all participants, parents, family members, directors, and volunteers to follow our Health Safety Policy.

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

Please note: As our understanding of contagious illnesses and best practices 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.

CONTAGIOUS ILLNESS EXPOSURE RISK: The 7th Street Kids organization is working hard to minimize the risk of exposure to contagious illnesses during auditions, rehearsals and performances. However, **it is important to note that we cannot guarantee that an exposure won't occur during any of these or other 7th Street Kids activities.** There is always a chance of exposure.

STAYING HOME WHEN SICK

Preventing exposure to contagious illnesses is the first line of defense against transmission.

Parents/Guardians **MUST MONITOR** their cast member for symptoms, 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; sore throat; nausea or vomiting; diarrhea; headache; fatigue; and/or fever. Keep your child at home and monitor symptoms.

RETURNING TO REHEARSAL AFTER ILLNESS:

You may come back to 7th Street Kids workshop rehearsals when:

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

AUDITIONS

Arrival: Enter at the front of the theatre. **Masks are welcome and optional.** Parents/guardians are not allowed in the theatre auditorium during auditions. Volunteers will be available in the lobby to assist your child and answer any questions that you may have.

Audition: 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 theatre. We ask that parents/guardians wait outside the theatre for their child. A volunteer at the J Street door will be available if you have any questions and to oversee your child's safe departure from the theatre.

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 theatre**. Rehearsals are closed to parents/guardians.

Departure: Kids will exit the theatre 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 theatre on a regular basis. Kids, directors, and volunteers will be asked to wash hands or use sanitizer frequently while in the theatre. 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 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 taken to and look after in the theatre lobby. You will be contacted and expected to pick up your child immediately.

CONTACT US IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS

Please contact 7th Street Kids with any questions or concerns about this policy by emailing us at **Contact@7thStreetKids.org**.