

STAGES Youth Theater

Summer 2023 Health & Safety Policies

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Starting June 20th, 2023, masking will no longer be mandatory at STAGES Youth Theater, for students, staff, or audiences. Wearing a mask at STAGES is now optional, and anyone is welcome to mask if they wish to do so. The updated policies below are based on the guidance and parameters set forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Protection; and, the current and/or recently updated practices of healthcare facilities and K-12 schools in Maine, as well as our peer youth organizations in the Greater Portland area.

Any student wishing to wear a mask at any time during classes, rehearsals, camp programs, or while performing in a show, may do so. Staff members, students, audience members, and other visitors choosing to wear masks will never be asked or encouraged to remove them.

Please be prepared to bring/wear your own mask to STAGES if you choose to do so. While STAGES still has a limited supply of masks from the past three years, we cannot guarantee the ability to provide masks for all STAGES visitors moving forward.

Updates to other Other Related Best Practices at STAGES:

- **If your student is experiencing cold, flu, or COVID-like symptoms, they should stay home.** If a student arrives at STAGES with cold, flu, or COVID-like symptoms, they may be sent home.
- **If your student tests positive for COVID,** please follow the most up to date isolation guidelines as recommended by the CDC, which currently includes isolating for a minimum of 5 days, followed by wearing a mask in public (including at STAGES) for a minimum of 10 days.
- STAGES will continue to keep our spaces clean/tidy, and will run air purifiers in all smaller classroom spaces with less ventilation.
- Hand sanitizer will continue to be available for visitors and participants in all STAGES programs.
- STAGES will, as always, prioritize as much outside time/fresh air as possible, especially during the summer program.
- STAGES reserves the right to update these policies moving forward, as needed, to keep our community as safe as possible.

We are so grateful for your trust and support of your students (and the STAGES team) over the past three years, and we thank you for playing your part as we continued to provide a creative and social connection for your wonderful young people during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.

If you have any questions or concerns about our updated COVID / ongoing health & safety practices, please reach out any time - hello@stagesacademy.com | 207-699-3330. We welcome your feedback at any time.