

Duluth Playhouse School of Performing Arts Safety and Health Protocols based on the recommendations from the MN Department of Health and CDC

Space Capacities

- Rehearsal room and theatre space capacities will be systematically evaluated to follow the 25% capacity mandate with safe social distancing standards set by the MN department of health.

Health Checks

- Staff will emphasize and provide education to families about the importance of daily health checks, monitoring symptoms, and staying at home while ill.
- If students or staff have flu-like symptoms, or are feeling unwell, they must stay home.
- Staff will monitor their own health and stay home if symptoms arise. Backup staff and plans have been put in place in case of illness.
- A satellite location has been created for first aid, medical distribution, and temperature checks.
- Temperature checks will be done at the start of each youth class upon entering.
- If a child or staff member becomes ill during programming, the staff/student will be isolated and sent home. The area/room will also be cleared and sanitized thoroughly before use.
- Classes will resume online in a situation where classes are shut down.

Social Distancing:

- Program space has been modified: Areas are taped off to follow the 6-feet of social distancing policy.
- Common areas will have limited access.
- Curriculum and scripts are being created to adhere to social distancing guidelines.
- Singing sessions will be limited to 30 minute time periods and students will be 6 feet apart, singing in the same direction if possible.

Child Drop-Off & Pick-Up:

- Sanitizing stations have been set up at every entrance and every classroom for parents and students to use prior to entering rehearsal spaces and the adjoining lobby.
- Designated doors are assigned for entering and exiting to reduce door traffic.
- Anyone picking up a student must be on the authorized pickup list.
- Drop off and pick up times will be staggered to minimize traffic flow.
- No non-essential visitors or volunteers will be allowed in the rehearsal spaces.

Cleaning:

- Before and after each class a routine for cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting surfaces, and frequently touched equipment is in place.
- EPA - registered disinfectants recommended by the CDC will be used.
- All cleaning materials will be kept in a secure location out of reach of children.

- Cleaning products will not be used near children, and staff will ensure adequate ventilation when using these products.
- High touch surfaces, such as doorknobs, stair railings, countertops, program equipment and other items will be regularly cleaned and disinfected.
- Bathrooms will be fully stocked with hand washing supplies and will be regularly cleaned.
- Classroom supplies will not be shared when possible and regularly cleaned.

Best Practices

- Washing Hands & Hand Sanitizer: Routines are in place for participants to wash hands upon entering and leaving spaces.
- **Water Bottles:** Drinking fountains will have limited access and be regularly cleaned. We encourage students to bring their own water bottles.
- **FOOD:** There will be no sharing of food or drinks.
- Daily habits to cover your coughs and sneezes will be enforced. Always cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue and throw it away in the trash.
- Daily Habits to not touch your face will be modeled and practiced.

Masks

- Staff and students are required to wear cloth face coverings/masks during all class sessions.
 - Singing with a well-fitting mask GREATLY reduces the amount of aerosols emitted.
 - Singing produces less aerosols than coughing, but more than speaking.
- Masks will be available to purchase if students or staff do not have their own.
- The rehearsal space ventilation system is up to date, and will be constantly running to keep air flowing and clean.
- Face coverings may be temporarily removed when engaged in indoor physical activity where the level of exertion makes wearing a face covering difficult, and during classes or activities held outdoors. Also, during indoor practices or performances involving singing, acting, or playing musical instruments where face coverings cannot be worn or are impractical to wear while participating in the activity. Performers will be separated from audience members by a distance of at least 12 feet before removing face coverings. Students will remain 6 feet apart or more during mask removal. Performers will immediately replace face coverings as soon as activity is completed.

Showcases

- Final showcase will be done both in-person with the 25% capacity mandate, and online. Family and friends can tune in to their specific showcase.