

Hello Families,

We are thinking of you & your families during this time and sending you joy and creative energy! We are writing to update you about our summer camp offerings.

After much thought and careful consideration of the safety of campers, staff, and our community, feedback from our survey, and conversations with many of you, we have updated our summer offerings. We have decided to offer mostly virtual camps and a few blended camps that will take place both outside with Portland Stage staff and virtually at home. We recognize that the needs of families & campers vary - thus we wanted to give multiple options.

[Click here for our revised summer camp schedule.](#)

Our **virtual theater camps** focus on acting, physical movement, collaboration & creativity! Campers will be given a packet of materials, including arts & crafts supplies and printed camp activities. Camp will include time on & off screen and an hour-long lunch break. We are proud of the work that we have done to bring theater to your home with our April Vacation Camp & Teen Company class and are confident in our ability to offer engaging, fun, and active virtual programming this summer. [Click here for more details on our virtual offerings.](#)

For our **outdoor theater camps**, we will spend half of each day outside in Portland Stage's parking lot and Deering Oaks Park (we are also looking into the potential of a different private outdoor space and will update families if we shift locations). The second half of the day will be from the comfort of your own home - with Portland Stage staff on Zoom to guide you through arts & crafts and other interactive activities. These offerings will follow Maine State Guidelines for keeping camp safe. If there is wet weather, we may move the camp day online or delay the start of the day. [Click here for Portland Stage's camp safety policies for in-person offerings.](#)

In order to serve families' diverse needs we are also offering a few **half day camps** in a virtual or online format.

Because of the change of layout & timing, we have adjusted the price of camp.

We will happily refund the difference from the payment you have already made. Alternatively, let us know if you would like to donate it to the theater.

While we are excited about these offerings & hope you will join us, we understand that the shift in format for your selected camp might not work for you and your family. **If you would like to switch your camp reservation** to another camp with a different platform, please email us at [education@portlandstage.org](mailto:education@portlandstage.org). **If you choose not to move forward with camp**, we of course will refund your payment, provide a credit towards future programming, or turn your payment or part of your payment into a donation (whatever works best for you!). **If we don't hear from you by Monday, June 8th, we will assume that the new format works well for you and your student. We are happy to refund your payment until June 8th -- but won't be able to after that date.**

If you would like to speak with Portland Stage Education staff to address any questions or concerns, please email us at [education@portlandstage.org](mailto:education@portlandstage.org) and we will set up a phone call.

We are looking forward to a fun & engaging summer camp experience & hope you will join us!

Best wishes,

Hannah & Julianne