

Portland Stage Fall 2020

In Person Safety Policies as of September 23 2020

Please note, these guidelines may continue to evolve & we will send our updated guidelines to you prior to the start of class.

These guidelines are designed to keep students, staff, and families safe. Please share this information with and prep your student for these guidelines in advance of class.

1. **Monitoring & Preparing:**

- Every student's family will be required to fill out a questionnaire regarding exposure to COVID-19 and potential risk. Portland Stage reserves the right not to serve students in-person who are at high risk of exposure to the virus.
- Students from out of state must have completed the 14 day quarantine prior to the first day of class. Out-of-state visitors will not have to comply with the quarantine if they have tested negative for COVID-19 within 72 hours of arriving in Maine. Students from CT, NY, NJ, NH, & VT are exempt from this rule.
- Self-screen using the following questions:
 1. Do you feel ill or have you been caring for someone who is ill?
 2. In the past two weeks, have you been exposed to anyone who tested positive for COVID-19?
- We will implement daily screenings which will include questions and a fever check.
- We will require staff & students to remain home if they are sick. If a student becomes sick during the camp day, we will isolate them in a designated location and ask a parent/guardian to come pick them up.
- All staff will be trained in the below guidelines.

2. **Healthy Hygiene Practices, Masks, & Physical Distancing at Camp**

- Students & staff will wear masks while inside at Portland Stage.
- When students are eating a snack or getting a drink of water & we believe 6 ft distance will be maintained, we will permit campers to remove masks.
- Students & staff will be asked to maintain a 3-6 ft physical distance from each other whenever possible.
- We will mark off areas to help students physically distance.
- Students & staff will be required to wear a mask when using the bathroom and we will increase the frequency of sanitizing it.
- No food will be shared. We will reduce sharing of class materials. Students will be asked to label all of their personal items (lunchbox, backpack, etc.)
- We will keep the group sizes small. We will start with a max of 10.
- We will have hand washing stations available and plenty of soap and disinfectant.
- We will clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.

- Only one class will be taking place in-person at a time, so there will be no mixing of groups.

3. **What to Bring**

- Students will need to bring a water bottle, closed toed shoes, two masks, and a snack. If any of this poses a problem for you or is a barrier, please let us know and we will find a way to get you these items.

4. **Expectations for Students & Families**

- It is our expectation that all students will be made aware of the above guidelines prior to their first day in class. We ask caregivers to be partners in helping ensure these guidelines are respected and maintained. Thank you in advance for helping us make class possible!
- If a student fails to comply with these guidelines, Portland Stage reserves the right to ask that student to leave class.

5. **Flexibility with Format**

- In the case that Portland Stage or the Maine State/National Government no longer deem it safe to hold in-person programming, we will move to an online format. Families will be given an opportunity to request a refund in the case of this change.

6. **HVAC System**

- Portland Stage's HVAC system installed by W.H. Demmons utilizes bipolar ionization technology, which releases charged atoms that attach to and deactivate harmful substances like bacteria, mold, allergens, and viruses by pulling the hydrogen atom away, causing the harmful substances to die. Recent testing of the building's system for effectiveness against the COVID-19 virus by two (2) different independent laboratories, Analytical Lab Group, and Innovative Bioanalysis, revealed that the level of the virus would be cut by 90% within 60 minutes.