

Portland Stage Summer 2021

In Person Safety Policies as of June 22 2021

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

These guidelines are designed to keep students, staff, families, and our community safe. As we continue to learn more we are keeping many of our policies from the 2020-2021 season in place and relaxing others. Some of these policies may be stricter than other programs are currently practicing. We ask that you & your student commit to this safety plan while participating in our programming to help ensure everyone's safety and comfort levels. Please share this information with and prep your student for these guidelines in advance of camp. Please let us know if any questions come up for you. We are looking forward to a creative and joyful summer experience together!

Monitoring & Preparing

- 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 caregiver to come pick them up.
- All staff will be trained in the below guidelines.

Healthy Hygiene Practices, Masks, & Physical Distancing at Camp

- Students & staff will bring two well-fitting cloth masks with two or more layers of tightly woven fabric or disposable masks both of which cover the nose and mouth. Masks cannot have a vent or be a gaiter/bandana style covering.
- Indoors, students & staff will be required to wear masks.
- Outside, staff and campers will be allowed to remove masks as long as appropriate spacing and distance can be maintained. Any outdoor activities where we are not confident distance will be maintained, staff and campers will be required to wear masks.
- Everyone is always allowed to wear a mask if they would like to, even when distant. No one will be required to take off their mask.

- When students are eating a snack or getting a drink of water & we believe 6 ft distance will be maintained, we will permit students to remove masks.
- Students will be asked to maintain a 3 - 6 ft distance when possible. We will mark off areas to help students keep a 3 - 6ft physical distance.
- Staff will maintain distance from each other and from campers whenever possible, but are allowed to be as close to each other and to campers as needed. We ask for staff to be respectful of others' boundaries.
- We will keep the group sizes small. We will have a max of 12 participants.

Cleaning, Disinfecting, and Ventilation

- Spaces will be professionally cleaned between each new group of students.
- We will have hand washing stations available and plenty of soap and disinfectant. Handwashing will be required before and after eating and at regular intervals throughout the day.
- Hand sanitizer will be made available when soap & water are not available.

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.

What to Bring

- Students will need to bring a water bottle, closed toed shoes, and two masks. 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.
- Please do not bring any computers or iPads to camp unless your student needs them to help communicate.

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 camp possible!

- If a student fails to comply with these guidelines, Portland Stage reserves the right to ask that student to leave camp.
- There will be no in-person audiences for camp. We will send a video of students work out to families at the end of the week.

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.

Thank you!

Thank you for your efforts to familiarize yourself with these guidelines. Please let us know whatever questions you may have. We are looking forward to a creative camp experience!