

Portland Stage Fall 2021

In Person Safety Policies as of October 2021

Please note, these guidelines may continue to evolve. These guidelines are designed to keep students, staff, families, and our community safe. 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 experience together!

Monitoring & Preparing

- Students will do a health screening and fever check upon arrival.
- If you or your participant is feeling ill, have been told you have been exposed to COVID-19 prior to your visit, or are unable to comply with our safety protocols, please DO NOT come to the theater. Instead, contact our Education Department at 207.774.1043 ext. 104 to refund your ticket.
- All adults attending with a child must verify that they are fully vaccinated. To do so, you must present either the physical copy or a photo of your COVID-19 vaccine card as well as a valid photo ID (State, Government or School ID) at the door.
- If you cannot verify that you are fully vaccinated, you must provide a time-stamped printout, photo, or email of a negative PCR test taken within 72 hours of the performance or a Rapid Antigen Test taken within 24 hours of the performance.
- All staff will be trained in the below guidelines.

Healthy Hygiene Practices, Masks, & Physical Distancing

- All participants (adults, students, staff), regardless of vaccination status, will be required to wear masks at all times while inside the building and during the experience. Masks should be 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.
- Students will be asked to maintain a 3 ft distance during the performance & workshop. We will mark off areas to help students keep a 3ft physical distance.
- Staff will maintain distance from each other and from students whenever possible, but are allowed to be as close to each other and to students as needed. We ask for staff to be respectful of others' boundaries.

- During the performance adults will be seated next to each other. If space allows we will distance them 3 ft apart, but they may be seated closer to each other. During the workshop, adults will have the option of either joining in the workshop with their participant or spending time in the lobby.
- Group size will be maxed at 10 students. To help keep our audience size down we are limiting adults to one person per student.

Cleaning, Disinfecting, and Ventilation

- We will have hand sanitizer available upon arrival.

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.

Expectations for Students & Families

- We ask caregivers to be partners in helping ensure these guidelines are respected and maintained. Thank you in advance for helping us make Play Me a Story possible!
- If a student or adult fails to comply with these guidelines, Portland Stage reserves the right to ask that student to leave.

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 experience!