

VOS CLASS COVID-19 GUIDELINES

Dear Parents and Students,

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, things will look very different this year. Below are our guidelines to keep all of our students, instructors, and staff safe.

Before you come:

- Parents and caregivers must assess their child daily for symptoms of common cold, influenza, COVID-19, or other infectious respiratory disease before sending them to classes
- Instructors and staff must assess themselves daily for symptoms of common cold, influenza, COVID-19, or other infectious respiratory disease before entering the building
- If your child is ill, they will not be able to come into the building
- There will be routine symptom check ins with students and instructors
- Students or those at a higher risk of severe illness should not take part in classes this year
- In the event a student is feeling unwell, they will be separated from the rest of the students and a parent or guardian will be called to have them picked up. Cleaning will happen immediately. Staff will maintain distance from the student and wear a mask
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow sleeve or a tissue. Throw away used tissues and immediately perform hand hygiene.
- Refrain from touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Refrain from sharing any food, drinks, any unwashed utensils, cups, mugs, or water bottles
- There will be 12 students per class
- There will be no physical contact during these classes including but not limited to, high fives, shaking hands, hugs, and all choreography and blocking will be in accordance with the physical distancing guidelines set out by the province
- There will be a separate entrance and a separate exit
- The hall will be extensively cleaned prior to the start of each program
- There will be nightly cleaning of the hall including floors, chairs, tables, washrooms, kitchen, as well as all high touch surfaces
- All high touch surfaces will be disinfected many times over the course of the day
- Students, instructors and staff will be required to wash their hands after every activity including but not limited to after entering the hall, after each workshop or activity, at breaks and lunch, after washroom breaks, and before going home
- Hand sanitizer will also be available
- Staff will help younger students with hand washing if needed and will wear a mask while doing so

Entering the Rehearsal Hall:

- Students will be entering and exiting the rehearsal hall one at a time

- Only students will be permitted in the hall. For our younger students, on the first day 1 parent or guardian will be allowed to help get settle. Please let us know if you would like to come in and we will arrange to get you in a bit earlier
- There will be markers outside to line up to get into the building

Inside the Rehearsal Hall:

- All students, instructors, and staff will be at a distance of at least 6 feet at all times. All material will reflect these new distancing rules
- There will be marks on the floor for distancing in all areas of the building
- All students will be given a spot in the hall just for them to sit and keep their belongings
- Access to the washrooms and kitchen will be staggered
- Instructors and staff will be using a separate washroom
- No costumes and very few set pieces and prop will be used this year. Any props or set will be used by only one student, no one else will touch these items, and they will be cleaned daily
- Masks are not required, however if you feel more comfortable having your child wear a mask we will accommodate. Please feel free to send one with your child
- Only Instructors, students, and three staff member will be in the hall during all classes. No non-essential personnel will be on site. During the showcases there will up to two additional support staff to help with the performance. They will be complying with our physical distancing rules.
- All showcases at the end of the classes will be livestreamed or recorded and also re-broadcast later that day. There will be no live audience for these performances.
- All performances will be earlier in the day so parents can watch at home and there will still be time to pick up their children.

Leaving the hall:

- Parents will wait outside the building for pick up at the back of the building and students will exit the building one by one.
- If something is forgotten, the student will be permitted by in using the entry door and will be allowed out through the designated exit

All classes are subject to change. If there is a resurgence of the virus on the island and or it is recommended by the Provincial Health Office we will move all classes online.

We recognize this all sounds daunting, but we are working hard to create a fun and creative program that will keep you connected with your theatre friends new and old. Any questions please email classdirector@victoriaonstage.ca

Sincerely,
Tara Britt
Class and Camp Director