

NAT COVID-19 Safety Protocol for Next Actors: Summer Theatre for Teens

ARRIVALS

- Class begins at 9:00am, doors will open at 8:45am.
- Please do not arrive more than 15 minutes before class begins.
- The entrances and exits of the building are assigned to limit foot traffic.
 - The Admin staff will continue to use the side lobby door.
 - Students will enter and exit through the main entrance.
 - The main entrance inner doors will be locked during the day, but may be used as an exit.
 - Safety Supervisor will manage the unlocking and locking of the inner doors during class hours and after lunch.
- Everyone must be masked upon entering and occupying the premises.

DEPARTURES

- Students must exit the building no later than 3:15pm.

CHECK-IN

- Upon entering the building, all staff and students must respond to the daily health questionnaire administered by Safety Supervisor: content is basically Symptoms, Travel, body temperature (taken from forehead with infra-red device).
- If you have symptoms which may indicate a Covid-19 infection, please do not come to class. Stay home and participate in Next Actors virtually. Contact Grace DeWolff to determine next steps. grace@nextact.org, 414.278.7780

LUNCH

- Brown-bag, single-serving lunch will be provided by Next Act Theatre to each in-person student.
- Lunch will be daily from 12:00pm – 1:00pm, outside at Catalano Square. We will walk to and from the park together. (5min walk.) You are permitted to remove your mask only while eating or drinking, and we will maintain safe social distancing, even outside.
- If it is raining, or above 85 degrees, lunch will be eaten at a safe social distance in Next Act's lobby.

TESTING

- All Next Actors staff must procure COVID-19 tests and negative results before

engaging in any in-person work. Results should be reported to on-staff Safety Supervisor.

- All staff must maintain a weekly testing regimen. Access to public testing facilities will be furnished by Next Act Theatre. As a back-up option, Next Act will furnish testing through private facilities.
- If all Next Actors staff members test positive for COVID-19, the Next Actors program will pivot to online.
- Students are expected to maintain their own COVID-19 testing schedule at their own discretion. If a student is experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19, (fever, shortness of breath, cough, loss of or change to taste or smell) they are expected to stay home and participate in Next Actors virtually until they receive negative COVID-19 test results.

DURING CLASS

- Most in-person work will be done from socially distanced yoga mats – students are to remain 6ft apart at all times, whether on or off the mats.
- Students are to keep masks on at all times – socially distant breaks are provided, where you can remove your mask outdoors
- If anyone feels uncomfortable, ill, or needs to leave class at any time, our well-ventilated lobby is available to call home and wait for transportation

OUTBREAK PROCEDURE

- If a student is experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19, (fever, shortness of breath, cough, loss of or change to taste or smell) they are expected to stay home and participate in Next Actors virtually until they receive negative COVID-19 test results.
- If a student experiences new COVID-19 symptoms while in class, they will isolate in the main lobby until transportation can be arranged to send the student home, or seek emergency medical attention if necessary.
- If a student tests positive for COVID-19, the Next Act building will be closed for 24 hours and the program will pivot to online until it is safe to re-enter the building.
- If Next Actors staff has ANY reason to believe in-person students have been exposed to COVID-19, including but not limited to a student or staff member's positive test result, the Next Actors program will pivot to online.

LOBBY AREA

- The main Lobby area will function as the Green Room for breaks and indoor lunches. It is well-ventilated and there is ample space for students to spread out and “stake a claim” of personal, socially-distanced territory.

- Masks are required at all times when not eating or drinking.
- A brown bag lunch will be provided to each student. If any additional food is brought in, it must be self-contained – no communal refrigerator will be available.
- Hand sanitizer is available from dispensers: Vestibule, Box office, Theatre side entrances.

RESTROOMS

- Lobby restrooms will be reserved for Admin staff only.
- Backstage bathrooms will be utilized by students only.

CLASSROOM SPACE

- Theatre space is equipped with ionization equipment in the HVAC units which will run constantly to “scrub” the circulating air and replenish with outside air.
- Enter and exit the rehearsal room from Lobby through the hallway to the right of the theater doors.
- Please wash or sanitize your hands before entering the rehearsal room. Hand sanitizer is also available throughout the building and at various entrances.
- Masks are required at all times. They should be effective - multi-layered cloth or surgical masks recommended – and worn properly. NAT will keep a supply of extra masks on hand for use as needed.
- Drinks (water only) are allowed but must be in covered or re-sealable bottles. Straws are suggested.
- Do not eat in the rehearsal room.

BACKSTAGE

- **Dressing rooms** are off limits.
- **Green room** is off limits.
- **Rehearsal hall** is off limits.
- **Backstage bathrooms** are for students only.

Please be responsible for disinfecting and cleaning your personal items and areas.

FURTHER RESOURCES

- The decision to join Next Actors in-person is up to you! To help you through that decision process, please refer to these websites:
- CDC symptom guide: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>
- Governor Evers Safety Plan for Wisconsin:

https://evers.wi.gov/Documents/COVID19/English_SaferatHomeFAQ.pdf