



## **Gateway Theatre**

### **Public Health Safety Procedures for COVID-19**

Policies and Procedures for Academy classes

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### **Introduction and Scope**

The physical health and safety of our Academy students continues to be of the utmost importance to us at the same time as their emotional, mental and social health through training in theatre arts.

The following are the safety procedures relating to COVID-19 prevention for Academy students and their families while the students are attending Academy classes at Gateway Theatre. The situation is and will continue to be fluid and, as a result, procedures may evolve over time.

Before attending classes at Gateway Academy, parents/guardians will have reviewed this document, signed and submitted a Consent and Authorisation form, and answered self-assessment questions of their child/youth at home. They must take responsibility towards best supporting their child's/youth's good health as well as mindfulness of others. An orientation for Academy parents/guardians and students will take place at the start of the first of every Academy class/camp with Education staff and instructors. Updates to this document will be provided as needed.

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## Arrival and Departure Procedures

**Each day before students attend their class**, students ages 7-13 must assess with their parents/guardians to determine whether it is a health risk to attend class that day; students 14+ may self-assess before they attend.

### Arrival:

Upon entering, students are required to immediately wash their hands in the bathroom before settling in to the class.

### Departure:

Before leaving for the day, all students are required to again practice proper hand hygiene.

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## Assessment Procedure

### Self-assessment at Home

Each day before students attend Academy classes, parents/guardians must assess students ages 7-13 to determine whether it is a health risk to attend class that day. Students 14+ may self-assess before arrival. Questions to ask in assessment:

1. Does your child / do I have fever, chills?
2. Does your child / do I have a cough, sore throat and painful swallowing?
3. Does your child / do I have shortness of breath or difficulty breathing?
4. Are you or is anyone in your household a confirmed contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?

If "YES" is answered to any of the questions, and the symptoms are not related to a pre-existing condition (e.g. allergies), the student should NOT attend their Academy class. Even if the student has tested negative for COVID-19, the student should NOT attend their Academy class; it is preferred that the student stay at home if feeling unwell. The parent/guardian should call the **Instructors' Line: 778.838.3745** to inform the instructor of the student's absence.

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## Vaccination

Academy Instructors and Accompanists must be double vaccinated. We encourage Academy students also to be double vaccinated.

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## Equipment Use & Cleaning

All spaces used by Gateway Academy will be cleaned daily.

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**Masks**

Masks are encouraged but optional for Academy faculty and staff, as well as students and parents/guardians.

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**Personal Hygiene**

Students must clean their hands upon arrival and before departure, and as needed during the class. A sanitising station will be available in the room for student use, in addition to the washrooms. Touching one's face is discouraged. Students must arrive with long hair held back off the face (e.g. with hair elastic, hair clip). C-level and Summer camp students must clean their hands before and after eating lunch and / or snacks.

Students are discouraged from sharing food with one another.

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**Visitors**

Guests are welcome to join our classes for our class-end and camp-end Open Studios and/or Presentations. Mask wearing is encouraged but optional for guests while indoors