



YOUNG PERFORMER COVID-19 TESTING FAQ

If you are feeling sick/are sick, please contact both Health and Safety Management and your Stage Manager and stay home.

When will Young Performers (YPs) be tested?

In-Person Testing: testing will only occur on-site should a YP begin to feel sick at rehearsal or during/between performances.

At-Home Testing: families are encouraged to test anytime a YP exhibits flu-like symptoms, tests should be taken prior to coming to their call in order to prevent the potential spread of illness as much as possible. First Stage does not provide home tests for cast members.

What do I do if my YP is feeling sick?

We strongly encourage anyone who is feeling ill not to attend rehearsal (or performances) until they feel better. Anyone with a fever needs to remain at home until they have been fever-free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication. Please reach out to Stage Management as well as the health and safety team (csm@firststage.org) to report any illness. You will be advised on a case-by-case basis on any additional steps from there.

If you need to contact your counterpart, please defer to any instruction from Stage Management on how to proceed.

What do I do if my YP gets COVID?

Email Health and Safety Management at csm@firststage.org as soon as possible, along with Stage Management. A member of our health and safety team will reach out with next steps, First Stage is following all current CDC recommendations for isolation and returning to public activities.

What if we have a COVID exposure at home/school/elsewhere in our community?

Unless your YP begins to feel sick, they are able to attend rehearsals/performances. We recommend monitoring for symptoms for five days following the exposure (exposure date being day 0). After the fifth day, most cases are in the clear.



Do I have to provide tests?

Any COVID-19 tests taken at home are your responsibility, and at your discretion, to provide and take. First Stage will conduct emergency testing onsite at rehearsal or performance if necessary, but home tests will not be provided to cast members.

Do I have to provide masks?

Masking will be encouraged based on CDC recommendations and if an individual is feeling unwell, but are not currently required in rehearsal, backstage, or performance spaces. If First Stage begins to require masking at any time we will provide them. You are always welcome to send your YP to their call with a mask.