



COVID-19 SAFETY POLICIES & PROCEDURES

FIRST STAGE THEATER ACADEMY – SUMMER 2021

To ensure the health and wellbeing of our students, families, and staff, First Stage is committed to implementing procedures to create a safe environment for all of our Summer Academy classes, held entirely in person for our Summer 2021 sessions. Our in-person programming has proven to be very safe and effective throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Input from families and students gave very positive feedback and suggestions as we navigated a safe and gradual return to in-person classes.

Through thorough training and dedication from First Stage and Milwaukee Youth Arts Center (MYAC) staff, our Academy will remain a place where students are encouraged to take risks and conquer their fears, and actively engage in developing and strengthening their acting skills. We have developed procedures to ensure secure admittance into our building.

The following policies are designed to follow and exceed CDC guidelines, and are enforced without exception:



Students and staff are required to wear masks at all times. Many of our students are under the age range currently eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine. Therefore, in the interest of safety for all of our students and staff, masks are required to be properly worn at MYAC and the Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts.



Families must use the [BriskTable app](#) or scan the QR code to the right to complete a health check each day of class. Before a student can enter the building, our staff will be checking to make sure their health screening is completed.



All in-person classes are capped below room capacity to allow for social distancing.



Rehearsal halls will be cleaned and disinfected in between class sessions and nightly.



Classes will take place in our large classrooms and rehearsal halls, with indicators in hallways and rooms to help students maintain social distancing.



Final presentations will be shared with family and friends through a virtual platform.



Class start and end times will be staggered, to ensure that students will be entering or exiting the building with their cohorts only. Parents or other caregivers are not permitted inside the building during class time.



In the event that we do not feel it is safe to carry out in-person classes, these sessions will move to a virtual platform.



[Watch our brief video](#) on First Stage Theater Academy's safe return to in-person programming this summer.

For additional questions or concerns, please contact the Theater Academy office at (414) 267-2970 or academy@firststage.org, or visit www.FirstStage.org/safety for the latest updates.

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