

Fort Wayne Youtheatre
ACADEMY
of Performing Arts

“PLAY SAFE” COVID-19 Health Precautions & Procedures – Summer 2021

Welcome to Youtheatre Academy’s 2021 Summer Camp!

Youtheatre & our partner organizations continue to take necessary steps in response to the outbreak of COVID-19. Together with a coalition of arts and culture venues and organizations, we will be making decisions that are responsive to the recommendations of the Indiana/Allen County Departments of Health and the CDC. Arts and culture organizations exist to bring people together, but we know that we need to do our part to protect our audience, employees, volunteers, friends, family members and neighbors. THANK YOU for your help and support!



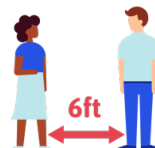
Avoid Congestion at Entrance/Exit.



Bring Your Water Bottle



Hand Sanitizer at entrance/exit.



Social Distancing will be encouraged.



Required indoors unless otherwise instructed.



Stay Home if sick.

GENERAL:

- As we enter our 2nd summer living with COVID-19, Youtheatre will continue to adjust and, when possible based on up-to-date guidelines, relax these procedures. Any updates will be made available prior to camp.

BEFORE CAMP BEGINS:

- Parents/Guardians & Students must electronically complete the **COVID-19 Self-Assessment/Waiver** e-mailed to them or available at fortwayneyoutheatre.org.
- Self-Assessment/Waiver must be submitted during the week before camp to admin@fortwayneyoutheatre.org.
- NO STUDENT** will be admitted to camp unless this form is submitted **ON TIME**.
- Parents/Guardians with a question or issue about Youtheatre policy should contact Executive Director Todd Espeland (260-422-6900, Ext. 3 or todd@fortwayneyoutheatre.org) M-F. Please refrain from taking disagreement out on Teachers or Security who are simply following Youtheatre and facility directives as we try to make the best of our current situation.

BEFORE CAMP DAILY:

- Parents/Guardians will verbally/mentally perform Self-Assessment on students prior to camp each day.
- Anyone answering **YES** to any question must **STAY HOME**. (The actual form must only be submitted once.)
- Students are asked to use the restroom prior to arrival to minimize usage at camp.
- Staff will clean and disinfect facilities and high-contact surfaces prior to class.

MASK REQUIREMENTS:

- Masking requirements may be adjusted and/or relaxed based on the most up-to-date local guidelines. Listed below are the guidelines as of this writing.
- Facility Entrance & Common Spaces- Everyone must properly wear a face mask.
- In Classroom/Rehearsal Hall- Students must properly wear masks unless/until instructed by a Teacher and only when proper social distance (minimum 8-10 ft.) can be maintained.

- Staff must properly wear masks throughout.
- Students unable to wear a mask for medical reasons may substitute a Face Shield once in the classroom/rehearsal hall.

ARRIVAL:

- Students may enter the facility no more than **15 MINUTES** prior camp start time. Anyone arriving earlier should wait outside.
- Students must properly wear masks and practice social distancing (6 ft.) upon entering.
- Students must “scrub in” at the hand sanitizer station inside. Please wait outside if someone is scrubbing in ahead.
- Parents/Guardians may walk Students to/in the door, but are not currently permitted to wait inside facilities during camp. Thank you.
- DRAMA & DANCE CAMP is held at the Hall Center. Entrance located at 437 E. Berry St.
- RISING STARS ACTING CAMP is held at First Presbyterian Theatre, 300 W. Wayne St. Enter the car portico doors near the corner of Ewing & Wayne.

DURING CAMP:

- Group sizes will be kept smaller than normal.
- Some facility floors are taped with a grid of 6x6 ft. boxes to aid in social distancing.
- Students are to use Restrooms 1 at a time. Wash hands.
- Students/Staff will encourage proper social distancing.
- Staff will ensure high contact surfaces or reused classroom materials are disinfected before/after camp.
- Staff will have hand sanitizer for use as needed.

DEPARTURE:

- Students/Staff will “scrub out” with hand-sanitizer on their way out of the Rehearsal Hall
- Parents/Guardians must be waiting for Students **ON TIME** at the door/parking lot at the end of camp. Everyone must be picked up no more than 15 minutes after the end of camp at the same door used at arrival.

IN THE EVENT OF...:

- **In the event of non-COVID-related absence**, Parents/Guardians are asked to inform Youtheatre (in advance if possible).
- **In the event of absence due to a YES answer on the Self-Assessment or other positive COVID-19 diagnosis**, Parents/Guardians must inform Youtheatre immediately at 260-422-6900, Ext. 1 / admin@fortwayneyouththeatre.org. Information is confidential. Youtheatre will not disclose identities or other personal details.
- **In the event of a “Stay at Home” Order, other escalation in COVID-19 or significant exposure that makes continuing camp unwise**, families will be notified of any delays or cancellations and any appropriately pro-rated refunds issued ASAP.

WHAT TO BRING:

- Face Mask.
- Water Bottle labeled with name (optional). Drinking fountains are off-limits. Bottle Filler Station is open.
- Do NOT bring ANY unnecessary items (stuffed animals, etc.).

END OF CAMP SHOWCASE:

- Local guidelines & recommendations permitting, summer 2021 camps will feature showcase performances for parents during the final hour of each camp. Specific info on location, number of attendees allowed, etc. will be made available later.

QUICK CONTACTS:

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