

Spring 2021 Semester Covid Policy

Until further changes are made easing Covid restrictions in NV, our policies for the Fall classes at Seedling will continue to be in place in the Spring with some additions.

Admittance to the Facility

We are now taking temperatures for everyone walking through our doors and **admitting only those who read below 100 degrees F**. All students and guests sign in at the front desk and indicate they have cleared the temperature screening and have no symptoms related to Covid infections posted at the front door.

Face Coverings

Per the executive order by the Governor on 30 Sept., those who are performing or teaching onstage by themselves or at opposite ends of our stage from others will be allowed to do so without face coverings, provided the audience is appropriately distanced from the stage. Aside from that, **face coverings are required** by everyone at all times. We do not have any dance classes scheduled for the Spring so those provisions do not apply. Vocal performance classes will continue to operate on a solo performance format without group numbers and face coverings will be worn during vocalizing exercises while students remain in their **assigned distanced seating**. Again, if restrictions ease in the coming months, we will adjust our policies accordingly.

Spacing for Shows

We are currently working on strategies for spacing the performers during the musical and plays we will be doing and may need to employ some non-traditional staging techniques. We have whittled down the extensive **cast of characters in Shrek to accommodate only 15 students per class**. Most kids will be playing 2-4 characters during the production in order to keep our casts as small as possible.

Live Audiences

Seating for the performances in May will follow the guidelines in the aforementioned executive order, keeping family groups to a maximum of 6 per seating "pod". All pods will be spaced 6 ft apart from other attendees and pods. **The number of guests allowed per performance per student will most likely be 2 or 3** but Shrek classes will be doing 2 performances each. Seating will be assigned (via lottery) as well as arrival times to the theater to avoid congregating or forming lines in the lobby or hallways. Bathroom use, entrance and exiting the theater, and student performer flow of traffic will be monitored and directed by signage and staff. Shrek is currently cleared for video streaming rights if that becomes necessary for any reason.

Sanitizing

High traffic and high touch areas are sanitized regularly. Hand sanitizer is provided in all rooms and will advise students to visit the bathroom to wash hands before class. Students are to remain in their distanced seats when not actively participating in stage work or other class-related activities. Exiting and entering classrooms takes place through the doors at opposite ends of each room and seats are sanitized between classes.

Student Responsibility

Having said all this, **it is important that you understand that it is impossible for our staff to enforce a 6ft distance between all students at every minute they are in our theater.** We do our best to avoid as many situations as we can, but **students who attend classes at Seedling at this time must be able to govern themselves** on this point. If you feel your child lacks the self-discipline to remain distanced from others because of age, maturity, or some other factor, please consider waiting until this public health crisis subsides to enroll him/her in a class with us. If a student is persistently unable or unwilling to comply with all the protocols we have in place we will need to consider removal of the child until a later date.

Advisory

If you have a high-risk health situation in your family that necessitates extra caution in exposure to Covid-19 by family members, please consider postponing enrollment of your child in our classes until a safer time in the future. Since the shutdown of businesses back in March, we have since been open for classes a total of 12 weeks. We have had no known cases of Covid-19 stemming from an exposure in our studio. Even so, there is no way to guarantee zero exposure to this virus, even with all the safety practices we have in place. We are all human and we are doing the best we can.

Procedure for Exposures

Any Seedling class that has been exposed to a student who develops a Covid-19 infection within the week following attendance will go to online instruction-only for 14 days. This applies to the siblings of those exposed as well. No refunds of tuition will be given for those breaks in live classes in the semester.

We appreciate your support in our efforts to keep this business going in the midst of all this turmoil.

If your child will be attending Seedling this Spring, please acknowledge that you have read and understand the contents of this letter by signing below and returning or emailing it back to us at kris@seedlingtheatrecompany.com

Parent or guardian signature

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Student name _____