

HOBOKEN CHILDREN'S THEATER

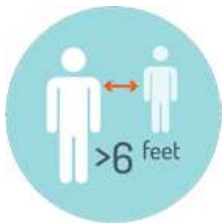
COVID INFORMATION

We are determined to create a safe environment for all of our families.
Below are our protocols and policy.



Mask Use

All students and staff must wear a mask at all times. Masks may only be removed during outdoor snack and lunch breaks. All masks must be well-fitting around the nose and mouth. Please have your child in a mask, and send one or two spares each day. Parents are required to wear masks at Drop off and Pick up.



Reduced Class Sizes and Social Distancing

All programs will be operating at reduced capacity with no more than 10-12 students to a class, and 1-2 instructors at a time. Staff and students will remain six feet apart whenever possible. Each student will be limited to their own designated area in classrooms and performance spaces. During SummerStage, groups will remain unchanged each day and will not intermingle.



Hand Washing and Sanitizing

Students will sanitize their hands upon arrival each day, after bathroom use, after entering a classroom, and before and after eating. There will be hands-free sanitizers readily available. Each group will work primarily in their own classroom. If a space is ever shared, it will be cleaned prior to the next group using it.



Daily Cleaning

We will be cleaning and disinfecting our locations daily. All high touch surfaces (countertops, chairs, bathrooms, doorknobs, banisters, etc.) will be cleaned continuously throughout the day. There will be no sharing of props, costumes, scripts, art materials, and any items that cannot be sanitized prior to each use.



Temperature and Wellness Checks

All staff and students will be given a temperature and wellness check prior to each class, and for SummerStage each morning. This will include questions about their health, as well as the health of members of their household, and other activities they are participating in. Each child will be screened for fever and signs of COVID-19 illness at drop off, prior to being permitted to enter the facility and participate. Persons that have a fever of 100° or above, or other signs of COVID-19 illness, will need to go home.

If while at Hoboken Children's Theater, a child becomes ill, they will be immediately separated until they are picked up. The Staff member attending the ill participant and the participant will wear masks and maintain social distancing within a separated care area. All areas that the ill participant has come into contact with will no longer be used that day, and immediately sanitized thoroughly.

Our goal is to have all of our staff vaccinated, though we cannot guarantee that.



Virtual Options and Attendance

For our Spring session, you have the option of attending some of the classes in person. In the event your child cannot attend in-person class due to conflict, illness, quarantine, or if you are just not comfortable with that quite yet, your child can ZOOM their class. There is no virtual option for SummerStage.



Performances

At present, we will not be having performances. Instead, we will tape the actors and edit a video for you. They will have sets and costumes, and will be taped either masked or individually.



Drop Off and Pick Up

We will have staggered drop offs and pick ups, so that we can limit the number of people congregating in one location. All Parent/Caregivers and anyone waiting for an HCT student must be masked at Drop Off and Pick Up. No one aside from staff and participants will be allowed inside the building. Parents MUST drop off their child outside. (We will make an exception for the SummerStage Minis drop off on the first day.)



Facilities

Hoboken Children's Theater

Spring Hybrid Classes, SummerStage-Teens

We will be continually cleaning our facility throughout the day. We will have routine daily cleaning of common surfaces and rooms, shared objects, as well as bathrooms, door knobs. Each student will have their own spot to keep their items and have their own chair. We have an outdoor space for eating, and will also maintain good airflow and ventilation.

Hoboken Charter School

SummerStage-Minis and SummerStage-Grades 1-6

Hoboken Charter School has done so much to provide their students with a safe environment, and we are lucky to be able to call it our summer home.

- Windows have been fitted with fans, one to push fresh air in and one to suck air out
- Stand-alone air purifiers in the classrooms with a uv feature
- Contactless hand sanitizer dispensers in hallways and every room
- Bathroom sinks are now contactless, and have contactless soap dispensers.
- Bioblaster cleaner

All Saints Church

SummerStage-Grades 4-6

This is a very large space so social distancing will be easy. We will make sure there is plenty of airflow and ventilation throughout the day.

Hoboken Children's Theater

COVID Policy

As we do all we can to ensure the health and safety of your child, we ask that you play your part as well.

What we at HCT expect you to do to help reduce the risks:

- Wear a mask in public and around anyone not in your immediate family/bubble.
- Practice social distancing whenever possible.
- Practice good hygiene and wash/sanitize hands often.
- Stay home when you are sick or believe you may be exposed to someone with COVID-19.
- Avoid any unnecessary travel, particularly within the weeks prior to SummerStage.
- If your children socialize independently of you, please talk with them about the responsibility they have to each other and this theater community.
- Please keep an open line of communication with us to ensure everyone is safe!

Quarantining and Communication

Please keep your child home if they are ill or showing any of the symptoms below. If someone in your home is ill with possible COVID symptoms, do not send your child to in-person class.

Symptoms related to COVID-19 include:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Nasal congestion or runny nose
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Diarrhea
- Nausea or vomiting
- Stomachache
- Tiredness
- Headache
- Muscle or body aches
- Poor appetite

Please inform us if any of the following scenarios occur:

- If your child or anyone in your household has been exposed to someone that tests positive for COVID.
- If your child or anyone in your household is symptomatic or suspects they may have COVID.
- If anyone in your household tests positive for COVID.

Contact HCT immediately so that we can make informed decisions about the safety of other students and staff members. We ask that you keep your child home under any of these circumstances, and they can finish the semester virtually. In the case of SummerStage we will pro-rate a refund for you with a doctor's letter.

If we receive any reports of an active student or staff member testing positive for COVID-19, you can expect the following:

- All students and staff members that were physically involved in class/rehearsal with a positive individual will be notified via email.
- The identity of the positive student will not be disclosed.
- Your child may need to quarantine for up to 14 days from the date of possible exposure.
- Parents should monitor their child's health for any symptoms of illness, wash hands often, practice social distancing, and avoid sick people or those that are vulnerable.
- Talk to your healthcare provider to determine if your child should get tested.
- If this occurs during our Spring Session, classes will move to online learning. If this happens during SummerStage, we will determine at that point how to move forward.

We will be asking each parent and child to sign a COVID agreement/waiver prior to taking any class at HCT.