



Theatre Denton Theatre School
Safety Protocols

We are pleased to introduce the safety procedures for all classes, rehearsals, and performances.

- Staff, Volunteers, Participants, and Patrons are asked to *self-screen before attending any classes, rehearsals, and/or performances.
- Prior to admission, Staff, Volunteers, Participants, and Patrons will be asked a series of *standard health screening questions and have their temperature taken with a touchless thermometer. Anyone with a fever of 100.0 or above will not be admitted.
- For the protection of the Student and staff, all persons onsite must wear a facemask properly at all times. Those arriving without a mask must acquire one before entering or will not be admitted. Parents are encouraged to work with their children to gain experience with their facemask for prolonged periods in advance of coming to rehearsal/class.
- Students must provide their own acceptably protective face mask. Consistent with CDC recommendations, only cloth or surgical-type masks that fit snugly to the face will be allowed to be worn. Shields (worn without a mask), respirator masks (with a breathable valve), neck “gaiters” (a form of mask usually made out of a stretchy and moisture-wicking fabric that can be pulled down over your head and worn over the nose and mouth), and simple bandanas are not considered adequate protection.
- Students are required to use hand sanitizer provided by TDTS upon entering the theatre.
- Students should bring their own water bottle, script, and other supplies as requested by their teacher or director.
- All students should bring water bottles to every rehearsal/class. Students must social distance before they remove their mask to sip their water. They must use hand sanitizer before and after their water break. Water fountains are not available.
- There will be no student-to-student contact or touching, such as hugging, kissing, or close dancing, in order to maintain social distancing.
- Shows will be blocked to maintain a safe social distance (six feet between actors) while onstage.
- Participants may not be within six feet of any other participants, directors or others in excess of 15 minutes to avoid any and all “close contacts” as defined by the CDC.
- Non-essential visitors, volunteers, and activities will not be permitted within TDTS facilities.
- There will be no sharing of items, including but not limited to phones, scripts, electronic devices, toys, books, and other games or learning aids. Each actor will be required to store personal belongings assigned.
- If an actor becomes sick or fevered, they will immediately be separated and parents contacted for pick-up.
- The last five minutes of every rehearsal/class will be reserved for sanitizing hands and safe collection of belongings.
- The facility will be cleaned and sanitized between each group’s use.

TECHNICAL REHEARSALS AND PERFORMANCES

- Students should come to the theatre already in costume and make-up and ready to take the stage.
- Face masks must be worn at all times in the theatre, onstage, backstage and in dressing rooms. Casts are encouraged to integrate their masks into their costume theme.
- ONLY required personnel may be admitted to the theatre, backstage or dressing room during a tech rehearsal.
- Costume changes, use of props and set, and movement of sets will be minimized.
- There will be no student-to-student contact or touching. Hugging, kissing or close dance will not be permitted.
- Shows will be blocked to manage to a safe social distance (maintaining six feet between actors) onstage.

*Self-screening

Prior to coming to classes, rehearsals, or performances, assess for any of the following signs or symptoms:

- Fever (greater than 100°F)
- Chills
- Unexplained new or worsening cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Unexplained muscle or body aches
- Unexplained sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell
- Unexplained headache
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Unexplained congestion or runny nose
- Close contact with anyone diagnosed with COVID-19