

# AUGUSTINE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

## PERFORMING ARTS

### Recommendations for Reopening Theatre, Theatre classes, and Choirs

#### Rehearsals

- All performing arts students in classes and productions should provide a clear face shield for use with activities where distancing is difficult. You can purchase these at Amazon or other stores like Ollies or Reasors. Please make sure the shields are clear. The face shields will take the place of the face mask in these activities. The face shields are 99.9% effective and they allow students to talk, act, sing, and show expressions that a mask does not allow. They are also much lighter and less irritating to wear.
- We will strive to adhere to social distancing (6 feet between actors, technicians, and teachers}. If necessary, the directors will divide rehearsing students into small groups working in separate rooms.
- Students under 18 years old do not need to wear a mask to rehearsal. We will gladly honor a parent's request to have their child wear a mask. Please send a note with your child requesting this or notify the director.
- Teachers and Interns 18 and over WILL wear masks according to the Tulsa city ordinance.
- Any student complaining of feeling ill during rehearsal WILL be sent to the office and the parent called.
- Students MUST bring their own marked water bottles.
- ABSOLUTELY NO sharing of food or beverages.
- Staff will wipe down or spray all surfaces—chairs, set pieces, props, rails, technical hardware, etc.—before and after rehearsal with disinfectants.
- There will be NO sharing of makeup, costumes, or wigs during rehearsals or performances.
- All costumes and wigs will be sanitized after each rehearsal or show.
- Bathroom breaks will be staggered to comply with suggested social distancing guidelines.
- Hand sanitizers will be readily available in the dressing rooms, green rooms, backstage and all other rehearsal or production areas.
- Dressing rooms, green rooms, production areas will be sanitized before and after rehearsals or performances using school approved disinfectants.
- If students must share any voice amplification equipment, the microphone will be thoroughly cleaned using appropriate sanitizers for the equipment.
- Staff will sanitize all technical hardware--microphones/headsets, sound and light boards, lights etc. before and after each rehearsal or performance.
- Only students who are required to be at rehearsals will be allowed to attend rehearsals.

- Students will be provided scripts or digital copies of scripts. Students may not share scripts.
- All rehearsals and technical rehearsals will adhere to safe guidelines for both performers and technicians throughout.

## **Live Performances**

Our live theatrical performances remain a central part of ACA's school theatre program. We will make every attempt to ensure that our live productions will be held in a safe environment for our students onstage, student volunteers, staff, and parent volunteers working in all capacities—backstage, sound booth, and front of house—and for the community at large so they can enjoy these performances with minimum risk and concern.

### **Safety for performances:**

- Students, staff, volunteers, and guests coming to a live production will wear masks according to the Tulsa city guidelines.
- ACA will follow the appropriate guidelines regarding seating.
- WE will require volunteers—parents, ushers, box office staff, etc.—to follow the same safety guidelines as all other school personnel.
- Patrons may be required to: undergo temperature checks before entering the theatre; wear masks throughout the performances; follow a pre-marked pathway of entrance in and out of the theatre.
- ACA will provide hand sanitizers in the lobby and restrooms.
- ACA will sanitize all public areas prior to and after a performance—seats, rails, restrooms, back of house, and other high-touch surfaces, using ACA approved disinfectants.
- We will advise audience members to limit clustering in groups before the production begins, during intermission, and afterwards.)
- Concession stand sales will be limited to pre-packaged beverages and food.

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