

COVID-19 Theatre & Dance Student Guidelines **7-27-20**

Please Note: This document is fluid in the sense that the situation can change in the moment depending on how COVID unfolds this fall and what our Chancellor and the State mandates. Thus, it will be necessary to be flexible in adhering to these guidelines as they may need to be adjusted.

CLASSROOM & STUDIO

- 1) Complete a self-screening before coming to campus each day.¹
- 2) Wear a mask while on campus and wash it frequently.
- 3) Wear a mask in all classes. However, some exceptions apply. When accommodation is necessary as indicated by a medical expert and granted written permission is provided. Or, when an exception for a non-medical reason has been granted by university administration.²
- 4) Bring your own water bottle to campus.
- 5) Wash your hands before and after class for at least 20 seconds (CDC).
- 6) Apply personal hand sanitizers before and after class (60% alcohol, CDC).
- 7) Avoid touching your face or your eyes.
- 8) Be mindful of traffic patterns to reduce crowding entrances into classrooms/studios.
- 9) Sit in desks/stools marked with 6' decals upon entering classroom/studio/design spaces like PA 106, 113, 122, 240, (e.g., Acting for Everyone classes in 113).
- 10) Sit in seats 6' apart in the Ted Paul (e.g., Intro. to Theatre)
- 11) Stand on 10' decals on the floor upon entering studio spaces to ensure social distancing in dance classes and other more exertion based classes (i.e., Ballet, Contemporary, Jazz, Tap)
- 12) Stand on 6' decals on the floor in studio spaces that entail some exertion, but not to the extent of dance classes, etc. (i.e., Vinyasa Yoga, Fundamentals of Directing, Acting Techniques, Movement for Theatre)
- 13) Exit classroom or studio spaces maintaining a distance of 6' apart.
- 14) Wait for the first class to leave before you enter the classroom or studio.
- 15) Keep your personal items at home or locked in your lockers, not in studio spaces.
- 16) Use only personal training equipment and do not share (e.g., stretch bands, mats, blocks, rollers, etc.).
- 17) Do not use the showers and enter and exit with the same clothing on. As well, dancers should have street clothes on over dance clothes (DANCE USA).
- 18) Follow the "Student Notification Process" if you test positive for COVID.³
- 19) Behave as if you are an asymptomatic carrier of COVID-19 to help reduce risk that you could be infecting an enclosed environment (DANCE USA).
- 20) Avoid use of the Green Room as it encourages the spread of the virus due to lack of social distancing.
- 21) Contact Julie Kerr-Berry (Chair) as your COVID-19 point of contact.

¹ <https://mankato.mnsu.edu/about-the-university/news-and-events/covid-19-novel-coronavirus-and-the-campus-community/return-to-learn/safety-measures/daily-self-screening/>

² <https://blog.mnsu.edu/csu/minnesota-state-mankato-requires-wearing-of-face-masks-starting-july-20/>

³ <https://mankato.mnsu.edu/about-the-university/news-and-events/covid-19-novel-coronavirus-and-the-campus-community/return-to-learn/safety-measures/student-notification-processes/>

AUDITIONS, REHEARSALS, PERFORMANCES

- 1) Complete a self-screening before coming to auditions, rehearsals, or performances (ARP).⁴
- 2) Wear a mask while on campus and wash it frequently. However, some exceptions apply. When accommodation is necessary as indicated by a medical expert and granted written permission is provided. Or, when an exception for a non-medical reason has been granted by university administration.⁵
- 3) Bring your own water bottle to campus.
- 4) Wash your hands before and after all ARPs for at least 20 seconds (CDC).
- 5) Apply personal sanitizer before and after all ARP (60% alcohol, CDC).
- 6) Avoid touching your face and your eyes.
- 7) Limit auditions to 10 people per room.
- 8) Be mindful of traffic patterns to reduce crowding entrances into classrooms/studios.
- 9) Wear a mask during all auditions; although actors will be allowed to remove their mask for their audition piece *while* maintain social distancing. Dancers should remain 10' apart and wear a mask.
- 10) Maintain all social distancing procedures at all times before and after rehearsals and performances, and during breaks.
- 11) Do not use the showers and enter and exit with the same clothing on. As well, dancers should have street clothes on over rehearsal clothes (DANCE USA).
- 12) Review the following rehearsal and performance procedures:
 - a. Student actors and dancers will wear masks during rehearsals and performances.
 - b. Student actors and dancers will wear masks on stage. Singers will use a "signing mask."
 - c. Directors and choreographers will be mindful of blocking to support social distancing.
 - d. Student stage managers, crew members, designers will wear masks during rehearsals and performances.
 - e. Cast sizes will be adjusted to increase social distancing.
- 13) Keep your personal items at home or locked in your lockers, not in ARP spaces.
- 14) Follow the "Student Notification Process" if you test positive for COVID.⁶
- 15) Avoid use of the Green Room as it encourages the spread of the virus due to lack of social distancing.
- 16) Behave as if you are an asymptomatic carrier of COVID-19 to help reduce risk that you could be infecting an enclosed environment (DANCE USA).
- 17) Contact Dance Director Daniel Stark (Dance) or Managing Director, Matthew Caron (Theatre) as your COVID-19 point of contact.

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SHOPS

- 1) Complete a self-screening before coming to campus each day.⁷
- 2) Wear a mask while on campus and wash it frequently. However, some exceptions apply. When accommodation is necessary as indicated by a medical expert and granted written permission is provided. Or, when an exception for a non-medical reason has been granted by university administration.⁸
- 3) Bring your own water bottle to campus.
- 4) Prepare to be trained on all shop protocols.
- 5) Wear a mask during all production work.
- 6) Apply personal hand sanitizers before and after shop work (60% alcohol, CDC).
- 7) Avoid touching your face and your eyes.
- 8) Wash your hands before and after coming to production work for at least 20 seconds (CDC).
- 9) Keep your personal items at home or locked in your lockers, not in shop spaces.
- 10) Follow the “Student Notification Process” if you test positive for COVID.⁹
- 11) Avoid use of the Green Room as it encourages the spread of the virus due to lack of social distancing.
- 12) Adhere to the policy that no non-workers visitors are allowed in the shops.
- 13) Behave as if you are an asymptomatic carrier of COVID-19 to help reduce risk that you could be infecting an enclosed environment (DANCE USA).
- 14) Clean all hand tools and disinfect them before being put away.
- 15) Contact George Grubb as your COVID-19 point of contact.

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