

2021 Summer Program COVID-19 Safety Protocols

The policies and procedures included in this document are a combination of recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the State of Florida, Collier County, the best practices that are developing in the performing arts industry, and the recommendations of leading epidemiologists and our Reopening Task Force. The purpose of these policies and procedures is to protect all ON staff and artists and to prevent the spread of COVID-19. This is a living and breathing document that will be updated as new information and understandings develop. Any changes or updates to this document will be communicated to all staff and participants and incorporated into this document.

All program staff and participants will be required to follow these protocols and sign a document acknowledging that they have received, read, and understood these procedures.

WELLNESS CHECKS

• ON staff will receive regular and continuing safety training as it relates to preventing community spread of COVID-19.

• No individual may enter the Wang Opera Center if the participant, a member of their household, or someone with whom the participant has regular contact has tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days

• Only symptom-free individuals may enter the facility. If a participant is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 as listed below, the participant should not come to the Opera Center and the program director should be notified.

Fever over 100.4	Muscle Pain
Cough	Chills
Headache	Sore throat
Shortness of breath	New loss of taste or smell
Unusual rash	

HYGIENE PROTOCOLS

All program staff and participants will be required to adhere to the following minimum hygiene protocols:

• Hand washing: Regularly wash hands thoroughly for a minimum of 20 seconds with warm soapy water.

• Hand Sanitizer: Sanitize hands at least once per hour and after contact with high touch areas, your face, or another person.

- Exhalation: Cover coughs and sneezes even when masked.
- Masks: Unless otherwise instructed, wear masks at all times:
- Contact: Avoid physical contact with other non-cohabitant individuals
- Distance: Maintain a minimum of 3' distance from other individuals when possible

• Monitor: If you are feeling ill or develop any symptoms during the program, please immediately notify the program director.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

• Upon arrival to the Wang Opera Center, a daily health and temperature check will be administered before entry to the facility will be permitted. If anyone has a fever of 100.4 degrees or greater, he or she will be asked to wait 15 minutes (outside or in their vehicle) without taking any fever reducing medications and then re-tested for temperature.

• All participants will enter and exit the facility using the rehearsal hall doors that face the main parking lot.

• Parents may escort their children to the door; however, parents and guests are not permitted to enter the

building aside from attending the performances.

- Participants should not arrive more than ten minutes prior to the beginning of rehearsal.
- Participants who are dropped off must be picked up promptly at the end of the day. Drivers are not permitted to enter the building.

• Car-pooling: ON recommends that all non-cohabitant individuals avoid car-pool, unless necessary.

PROGRAM PROCEDURES

- Rehearsals will be held in the theater, the largest room in the facility. Smaller rooms may be utilized with individual and small group instruction.
- Chairs in the rehearsal rooms will be spaced out to provide for social distancing.
- Staging will allow for social distancing when possible.

• "Pods" may be utilized to allow for physical proximity in staging. Participants will be contacted prior to the start of the program to determine pod placement according to the comfort level of the participant and the participant's parent or guardian (if applicable).

• If weather allows, selected activities and rehearsals may be held outdoors.

• Use of pianos will be restricted to the musical director unless granted permission by the program director.

• Cleaning frequencies and sanitation procedures have been increased in high traffic areas and high touch surfaces of the building such as doors, counters, and bathrooms.

Restrictions

• The rehearsal room is off-limits to all personnel aside from program staff and participants.

Personal Protective Equipment

- A supply of PPE will be well-stocked in the rehearsal room, including but not limited to:
- o Individual hand sanitizers
- o Approved masks and/or shields, as necessary
- o Disinfecting wipes
- o Latex-free gloves
- o Disinfecting sprays

Staying Home When Ill

During an infectious disease outbreak, it is critical that employees do not report to work while they are sick, feel sick, and/or experiencing any symptoms associated with CoVID-19. Currently, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that people with an infectious illness such as the flu remain at home until at least 24 hours after they are free of fever (100.4 degrees F or 37.8 degrees C) or signs of a fever without the use of fever-reducing medications. Employees who report to work ill will be sent home in accordance with these health guidelines.