

Popovsky Performing Arts Health and Safety Guidelines

Summer Camps 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians and Performers

2020 has certainly presented us with many, many challenges and, while we are excited that we are able to run summer camps this year, we are acutely aware that there are many new responsibilities that we must assume in order to try and keep everyone safe. You, our wonderful clients, also play a large part in these additional responsibilities and we thank you for being proactive this summer to make sure things run smoothly and safely! This document outlines the procedures and policies that we are instating effective immediately. Please know that this document was compiled based on information from the CDC, Pa Department of Health and in consultation with many other professionals. No matter what we do, there is an inherent risk in attending camps this year. We are asking that you are proactive with your hygiene and social distancing at all times for the sake of everyone involved in camps this summer. ***We also ask that you discuss your family's rules around social distancing and make sure that your child understands them.*** Please read this document thoroughly and let us know if you have any questions. We can't wait to see you for camp this summer and thank you for doing YOUR part to make this summer healthy and exciting for everyone!

Sincerely,

Your PPAS Staff

How our staff is preparing

Our teachers and staff will be actively involved in the implementation of our health and safety protocols and will be proactively taking steps to ensure the safety of all campers and staff. Staff will be helping with additional thorough cleaning of the studio during the day and after camp each day. They will also be screened through the same process as every camper every day before work. Additionally, staff will follow CDC recommended guidelines for PPE and are receiving additional training on how to implement all our health and safety protocols. Our staff has eagerly stepped up to these new challenges and are prepped to make sure that we have a fun, exciting and healthy summer!

DROP OFF AND PICK UP PROCEDURES

Please have patience with us as we go through the check-in process! Please familiarize yourself with this process and discuss with your child before the first day of camp.

We will be using a dedicated entrance on the RIGHT side of the building for campers that will eliminate the need to use the shared, main entrance that you may be familiar with.

DROP OFF

- 1. ARRIVAL:** When you arrive please form a line on the RIGHT side of the building near the table we will have set up. ***Please wear a mask and stay 6 feet apart while in line.***

***Campers MUST be accompanied by one parent or caregiver at drop-off.
PLEASE DO NOT JUST DROP YOUR CHILD AT THE DOOR! We cannot allow***

students to enter without completing full screening protocol. Please leave other family members at home or in the car for drop off whenever possible.

2. Camper and Caregiver Screening Questions for Covid-19. Staff will ask the following screening questions each day:

**Have you or anyone in your household had any of the following symptoms in the last 21 days: sore throat, cough, chills, body aches for unknown reasons, shortness of breath for unknown reasons, loss of smell, loss of taste, fever at or greater than 100 degrees Fahrenheit?*

**Have you or anyone in your household visited or received treatment in a medical facility, boarded a cruise ship, or left the United States in the last 21 days?*

**Have you or anyone in your household been tested for COVID-19?*

**Do you have any reason to believe you or anyone in your household has been exposed to or acquired COVID-19?*

** To the best of your knowledge have you been in close proximity to any individual who tested positive for COVID-19?*

3. Camper Temperature Check: Staff will apply hand sanitizer and use our no-touch thermometer to check and record the student's temperature. Should a camper have a temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, they will not be allowed to attend camp. If your child has a temperature above 100.4 you must monitor them for symptoms of Covid-19, contact your doctor for advice, and get a note clearing them before they may return to camp. *We will ask the person dropping off to sign off each day to indicate that you have no knowledge of unprotected contact with anyone who has Covid-19 and that no one in your household is showing symptoms and that your camper's temperature was recorded accurately. (We understand that many families have household members who work in medicine and care for patients with Covid-19. Contact with someone who has Covid-19 with appropriate PPE is not a concern.)*

4. Your performer may then apply hand sanitizer and proceed down the steps and directly to their classroom, doing their best to maintain social distance. *We ask that parents remain outside whenever possible so that we can limit the number of people in the studio. If a camper requests that their parent or caregiver come in to help them get settled, the parent/caregiver MUST wear a mask when inside our building.*

PICK UP

PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE BUILDING! We will provide you with a sign with your child's last name on it on the first morning of camp. Place this sign in your window, and drive to the LEFT (not the right) side of the building. We will either have your child ready outside, or we will send someone in to get your child and their belongings and deliver them to your car. *We thank you for your adherence to this policy and for remaining in your vehicle during the pickup process.*

WHAT TO EXPECT

We have made a number of changes to our programming this year to make sure that we are doing everything we can to keep our students and teachers safe. The following are things we're doing to

limit the potential for spread of Covid-19 in our community, and the impact those changes have on what you might be used to experiencing in our summer camps.

- **Group Size** - All programs will maintain group sizes of no more than 20 campers. All activities will be facilitated in these exclusive groups for the duration of the program session. *This means that some characters, songs or scenes may be cut from our show. Don't worry, your child will still have a fantastic role (sometimes even having the opportunity to play more than one character), and our show will still make sense!*
- **Outdoor Activities** - We have always used our outdoor space to enhance our camp activities, but we will spend a LOT more of our time outside this year. *This means that your camper may get warm sometimes. Please dress in layers, provide LOTS of water, a hat, suntan lotion, and a beach towel! We will also eat lunch outside as long as weather permits.*
- **Cleaning and Sanitation** - We have increased sanitation within all shared spaces and supplies and activities will rotate between spaces so that we can clean all spaces regularly. We have also purchased a fogger to eliminate any potentially harmful airborne particles in shifts throughout the day. The entire studio will be cleaned at the end of camp each day and deep cleaning will occur each Friday.
- **Daily Health Screens** - At the start of each day campers will receive a no-touch temperature check and go through a brief health screening. *Drop-off will take longer than you are used to. Please be patient with us!*
- **Hygiene** - At the beginning of each camp session there will be a comprehensive lesson on handwashing and social distance practices. *Students will be asked to wash and sanitize their hands regularly.*
- **Personal Belongings** - Students will each have a place to keep their personal belongings and we ask that all belongings that aren't currently being used remain in their designated location. *Please only bring things that are necessary to camp to limit the spread of germs.*
- **No Shared Items, Costumes, or Props** - To limit the potential spread of germs from Covid-19 we will not share any items, costumes, or props. *Our shows will not be costumed, rather all students will dress in show shirts that will be provided. We will still pull props from our closet, but it is likely that we will ask students to bring items from home, or that we will use our imaginations or create a "new" prop from something that may be unexpected.*

SNACKS, LUNCH, and WATER

Thank you in advance for paying close attention to these policies regarding food and drink at camp.

- **NO NUTS** - We have members of staff and campers with sensitivity to nuts. Please keep lunches and snacks nut-free.
- **REFRIGERATOR USE** - *PLEASE use all disposable items (Brown paper bags, ziplock bags, etc.) for packing lunches if you'd like to store your lunch in our refrigerators.* Reusable items are allowed but will not be permitted in the refrigerators and can be kept in the students' space for personal belongings when we are not eating to limit the spread of germs.
- **BRING LOTS OF WATER**- Please do not refill personal water bottles using the taps or water cooler. We are happy to provide single-use paper cups for water. We also will have cold bottled water available for purchase for \$1/bottle.
- **OUTDOOR LUNCH "ROOM"** - The CDC recommends spending as much time outside as possible, so we have decided to plan for outdoor lunches. This allows us to spend time outdoors and gives us a chance to sanitize classrooms. We will have canopies set up outside to

add to the shade that the building and trees provide. Students are also encouraged to bring a beach towel to use for picnicking! In the event of rain students will eat in their designated small groups so that our large classrooms can still be sanitized during lunch.

WHAT TO WEAR AND BRING

- **Dress in comfortable clothing that is easy to move in.** Campers will be indoors in air conditioning AND outdoors in the sun. We recommend dressing in outdoor appropriate clothing and bringing socks and a sweatshirt.
- **Bring sunscreen and a hat!** We will spend most of our outdoor time in shaded areas, but there will be times when sun exposure is unavoidable.
- **Bring a towel!** It will be very helpful to have a towel to sit on for various outdoor activities and lunch outside.
- **Bring plenty of water.** We will have small, single use paper cups with our water cooler as well as cold water bottles available for purchase for \$1, but we will NOT allow campers to refill their water bottles this year to limit the spread of germs.
- **Bring a (nut-free) lunch and two energy-packed snacks.** We will be working hard and learning a lot, so please be sure to have lots of food in tow. We do have individually wrapped snacks available at the studio for purchase. If you're only at camp for a half-day you'll only need one snack!
- **Bring a mask.** We will have disposable masks available if you do not have one or if you forget to bring it. Masks are required in all common areas.

SOCIAL DISTANCING & MASKS AT CAMP

Please ask your child to observe social distancing protocol in common areas and classrooms and to avoid physical contact with others. We know that this is hard and that hugging and being close to friends is a huge part of the camp experience, but for now we ask that you wave and enjoy one another's company from the safer distance of 6 feet!

We will do our best to remain as socially distant as possible at camp in the following ways:

- Private entrance on the side of our building will be used for all campers.
- All production camps are limited to *no more than 20* campers, keeping room occupancy to 50% of standard limits or less.
- Activities and blocking will be designed so that students can maintain a distance of 6'. We highly encourage the use of masks for added protection on the rare occasion that social distance is not easily maintained.
- Each camp will have small breakout groups *that remain the same* for small group activities
- Activities will take place alternately between indoors and outdoors, or between sections of the studio in the event of inclement weather. We have a multi-zone ventilation system and 4,000 square feet and are able to sanitize sections of our space while other sections are being used.

MASK WEARING POLICIES

The CDC recommends that everyone wear face coverings whenever possible. We ask that all students, staff, and families wear a mask in hallways and other common areas in our studio. Students are not required to wear masks in the classroom, however wearing a mask is recommended, welcome, and permitted at any and all times that your family and the performer feel it appropriate. The following information in blue text was taken directly from the CDC's guidelines for summer camps:

Cloth Face Coverings - Face coverings may be challenging for campers (especially younger campers) to wear in all-day settings such as camp. Face coverings should be worn by staff and campers (particularly older campers) as feasible, and are most essential in times when physical distancing is difficult.

- Note: Cloth face coverings should not be placed on:
- Babies or children younger than 2 years old
- Anyone who has trouble breathing or is unconscious
- Anyone who is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cover without help

Cloth face coverings are meant to protect other people in case the wearer is unknowingly infected but does not have symptoms.

PROCEDURES IN THE EVENT THAT SOMEONE GETS SICK WITH COVID-19

If anyone (staff or camper or their household member(s)) become sick with COVID-19 symptoms, test positive for COVID-19, or have been exposed to someone with symptoms or a confirmed or suspected case you **MUST** :

1. Stop coming to camp and isolate for 14 days.
2. Notify Christyn and Michael immediately by emailing info@popovskyperformingarts.com

If anyone (staff or camper or their household member(s)) become sick with COVID-19 symptoms, test positive for COVID-19, or have been exposed to someone with symptoms or a confirmed or suspected case WE must

1. Advise you to isolate for 14 days.
2. Disinfect all spaces in our studio AND close for 24 hours.
3. Notify local health officials, staff, and families immediately of any case of COVID-19 while maintaining confidentiality in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
4. Advise those who have had close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19 to separate themselves, self-monitor for symptoms, and follow CDC guidance if symptoms develop.

Popovsky Performing Arts reserves the right to take any actions that it deems necessary in order to ensure the health and safety of all participants. This includes, but is not limited to, cancelling the remainder of any camps should there be any evidence of COVID-19 at/around our facility, or any recommendations from the Pa. Dept of Health or the CDC. Should we feel it necessary to close due to circumstances beyond our control, we cannot guarantee any refunds once a session has begun.

