



## 2022 Education Programs:

### COVID-19-19 Information and Safety Protocols

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As cases continue to decline, we have updated our protocols for 2022 education programs to reflect changing guidelines.

The following are some of the safety measures we will be taking and that we ask parents, caretakers, and students to take as well:

**Mask recommendation:** Following the end of the statewide indoor mask mandate, masks will no longer be required for participation in our programs. However, they are **strongly recommended as singing and dancing are activities with high risk of transmission.**

- If a student chooses to wear a mask it should be well-fitted with no gaps. It is recommended students wear a properly fitted N95, KN95, or surgical mask underneath a cloth mask for more protection.
- If a camper would like to wear a mask but does not have one, Broadway Rose will provide a children's size 3-layer surgical mask.
- [Click here](#) to see CDC mask recommendations.

**Physical distancing:** Students are asked to maintain a safe distance of at least 6 feet while waiting to be checked in and for the duration of class.

**Vaccinations:** Vaccinations are encouraged but not required in order to participate in our educational programs. We collect information regarding students' vaccination status so that we can make informed decisions regarding self-isolation and testing protocols if a student in class tests positive for COVID-19.

**Sanitization protocols:** Hand sanitizer will be made available throughout the space and any equipment like chairs and music stands will be sanitized before and after class.

**Ventilation:** In order to improve airflow for programs at Broadway Rose New Stage, we will run the HVAC system which features hospital grade MERV 13 and UV filtration. For programs that take place elsewhere, we will run the unit air filter as well as opening windows and doors where possible.

**If a student is exhibiting symptoms:** During this transitional phase, vigilance is key. If your student is displaying any one or more of the following symptoms, they should not attend the program. This applies regardless of vaccination status or confirmed exposure:

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- Fever
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Chills
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Diarrhea
- Nausea or vomiting

**If a student is exhibiting any of the above symptoms but DOES NOT have a known close contact exposure:** They should self-isolate until they can get a COVID-19 test\* 3 to 5 days following symptom onset.

If the student tests negative: they may return to class 5 days after symptom onset so long as they have been cough and fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.

If the student tests positive: they should self-isolate for 10 days following the positive test. They may return to class after the 10-day self-isolation so long as they have been cough and fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.

- We ask that caretakers inform Broadway Rose of their student's positive test result so that we may inform the other student families and instructors that they should self-isolate and get tested. *Students' names and information will never be shared when disclosing this information to other families.*

Omicron variant note: Evidence gathered thus far seems to show that many Omicron infections present at first with very mild symptoms that can be easily confused with the common cold. These include sore throat and stuffy nose. It also seems that Omicron may not present with the telltale loss of taste and smell associated with previous variants. If a student experiences any of the above symptoms, *even if they are mild*, they should not attend class.

**If a student DOES have close contact exposure:** Any student with a confirmed exposure should not come to class regardless of whether or not they are showing symptoms. Close contact exposure is defined as having spent 15 minutes or more within 6 feet of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

Due to the extremely transmissible nature of the Omicron variant and the common breakthrough infections in vaccinated people, exposed students should self-isolate for

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10 days regardless of their vaccination status and whether or not they are exhibiting symptoms.

- Please note that this policy differs from current CDC recommendations which shortened the isolation period to 5 days. The Broadway Rose education program policy is stricter to better protect our most at-risk students, instructors, and staff as it is estimated that anywhere between 20-40% of people are still contagious after 5 days following symptom onset.
- However, the 10-day self-isolation period can be shortened if the student is fully vaccinated and provides proof of negative test at any point between days 5 and 10 of their self-isolation.\* This caveat is due to [emerging studies](#) showing that fully vaccinated individuals clear the virus more quickly and are therefore, on average, less likely to be contagious for as long as unvaccinated individuals.

\* **Testing note:** Broadway Rose is not able to provide testing. If a student is exhibiting symptoms or has a confirmed exposure, it is recommended that they seek PCR testing. You can find testing locations on the [Washington County](#) and [Multnomah County websites](#).

It is important to note that rapid tests have shown to be less effective at detecting Omicron infection. Since the Omicron variant is particularly contagious, regardless of whether a student is showing symptoms or is vaccinated or not, if a student is exposed to someone with a confirmed case and receives a negative rapid test result 3 to 5 days following the exposure, they should either seek a PCR test or wait to take another rapid test a couple of days following the first to confirm the negative result.

If a student is symptomatic following an exposure, they should wait to seek testing 3 to 5 days following symptom onset.

If a student has a confirmed exposure and feels ill but is not able to schedule a test we ask that they behave as though it is a COVID-19 infection and follow the above guidelines for self-isolation.