

BROADWAY ROSE

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2022 Education Programs: COVID-19 Information and Safety Protocols

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As of summer 2022, COVID-19 remains prevalent in our area. The following are some of the safety measures we will be taking to prevent transmission 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 either a children's size 3-layer surgical mask or adult's size KN95 mask.
- For programs with live performances, students may wear masks for rehearsals and instruction days however they will not wear them for the show.
- [Click here](#) to see CDC mask recommendations.

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.

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: Vigilance is key to minimizing transmission of COVID-19. 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:

- Fever
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Chills
- Fatigue

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- 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 and wear a high quality mask until they can take a COVID-19 test.* False negatives on home tests are possible, especially in the initial days following symptom onset. If possible, it is recommended that students get a PCR test.

If the student tests negative: they may return to class after symptoms resolve 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 5 days following the positive test. They may return to class after the 5-day self-isolation so long as they wear a high-quality mask and have been 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 mask and get tested should they begin to show symptoms following exposure. *Students' names and information will never be shared when disclosing this information to other families.*

Omicron variant note: Many Omicron infections present at first with very mild symptoms that can be easily confused with the common cold or allergies. These include sore throat and stuffy nose. 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 was exhibiting symptoms at the time and later tested positive for COVID-19.

Due to the extremely transmissible nature of the BA.5 Omicron variant and the common breakthrough infections in vaccinated people, exposed students should self-isolate for 5 days regardless of their vaccination status and whether or not they are exhibiting symptoms. After the 5-day quarantine period, students must provide proof of a negative test before returning to the program.

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* **Testing note:** Broadway Rose is not able to provide testing. If a student is exhibiting symptoms and/or has a confirmed exposure but a home test is returning a negative result, 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 infections. Since the currently circulating Omicron variant is particularly contagious, 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 before assuming they have not contracted the virus. Following the 5-day self-isolation, they should wear a high-quality mask for at least 5 days and keep an eye out for symptoms.

If a student is symptomatic following an exposure, they should self-isolate and test. If the test returns a negative result despite the student being symptomatic, they should wait 2 to 3 days before testing again or seek out a PCR test.

We thank you for practicing caution as we work to keep our students, instructors, and staff safe.