

# COVID Policies

## Student and Staff Testing Requirements and Safety Protocols:

- Testing is required for all vaccinated and unvaccinated students and staff. Testing for *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever!* is required during the rehearsal/performance process (see below). We will accept a PCR, home or Rapid test result, however, keep in mind that Rapid and home tests are more likely to produce a false positive than with a PCR. To our knowledge CVS, Walgreens, Graves Gilbert, and most of the local Urgent Care locations still provide free testing. Cast and crew are responsible for providing their own tests. Cast members who have had a COVID-19 infection within the past 30 days, you can provide documentation and do not need to test again until you are outside that 30-day window, unless you have had a new exposure or lasting or new symptoms. Please let us know if you fall into this category. Everyone else will need to test as follows:
  - within 1-2 days of our first in-person rehearsal (if taking an at home test, please write the date on the test and send a picture)
  - after Fall Break and Thanksgiving Break
  - after any event during which you have been around a large group of people
  - after any air travel

**\*Due to the intimate nature of theatre, the small space of the dressing room and Phoenix Theatre's stage, and the spikes of Covid, viruses, strep, flu, stomach flu, etc. during this time of year, cast and crew will wear masks during rehearsal. Clear performance masks will be provided by PTK for performances. Thank you, for your understanding and cooperation.**

## What to do in the event of contact with a COVID-19 positive person:

- Inform The Public Theatre of Kentucky of the exposure and the date of the exposure.
- Understand how we count days: Day 0 is considered the day you test positive.
- If the student or staff member is vaccinated and has a single exposure, they do not need to quarantine unless they experience symptoms, or the COVID

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positive person lives in their household or there has been a close exposure (kissing, hugging, ongoing exposure, etc.) but they will need to take a test 5 days after last exposure.

- If the student or staff member is not vaccinated, they must quarantine until they receive a negative COVID-19 test, taken no earlier than Day 5 after the date of exposure and may return to rehearsal if the test is negative and if they have no COVID-19 symptoms.
- If the COVID positive person lives in their household and they are not able to isolate away from the family, all persons, vaccinated or unvaccinated must quarantine for the duration of the COVID positive person's isolation period, and a test no sooner than Day 5 after the exposure.
- If the COVID positive person lives in your household and is able to isolate, vaccinated individuals may take a test on Day 5 of their last exposure and return with a negative test.
- All cases will be reviewed individually by our board and advice will be given based on the specifics of the exposure.

### **What to do in the event of a Positive COVID-19 Test:**

- Immediately inform The Public Theatre of Kentucky of the positive test result. The day you test is considered your Day 0.
- Begin a mandatory 5-day quarantine immediately.
- On Day 5, take a test and if it is negative and you have been fever-free for at least 24 hours and your symptoms have significantly improved (other than loss of taste and smell), you may return to The Public Theatre of Kentucky

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## Other safety protocols:

- Initial the Community Agreement/Assumption of Risk (Below)
- Maintain compliance with the Community Agreement

## **COMMUNITY AGREEMENT: This agreement was sourced from the University School of Nashville and agreed upon by The Public Theatre of Kentucky's Board of Directors**

I acknowledge that what each of us does can affect all of us, that we all benefit from making in-person programming possible, and that simple mitigation efforts really work. Our family promises to:

Create and maintain continuity between The Public Theatre of Kentucky and home, consistently reinforcing efforts to promote healthy choices and proven practices to limit any potential COVID exposure.

Participants will review and comply with all current CDC guidelines for masks, social distancing, gathering and travel.

Answer Daily Wellness Check questions when arriving for rehearsals and performances and to never, ever come to rehearsal sick, as a core element of doing our part to keep everyone safe.

Respond to any calls, requests, or updates from The Public Theatre of Kentucky regarding the performer's health.

Speak up, within our circles of influence, in support of these essential principals, knowing the difference each of us and all of us can make and the importance of setting an example, one decision at a time, starting today.

I have read and understand the Community Agreement: \_\_\_\_\_