



Special Gifts Theatre

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SGT In Person Policies 2021-22

SGT will make reasonable efforts to mitigate the risks associated with the spread of COVID-19 during SGT programs to keep our community healthy and safe. SGT will make reasonable efforts to follow CDC, IDPH, and IBSE guidelines that may be modified and will be communicated thoroughly.

1. **All SGT staff and volunteers must be fully vaccinated against Covid-19.**
2. **All participants (students and peer mentors) must either:**
 - a. **Show proof of vaccination against Covid-19**
(Vaccine card copy/ photo can be emailed to records@specialgiftstheatre.org or a copy brought to the first day of class)
 - OR**
 - b. **Show proof of a negative COVID-19 test taken within 48-72 hours prior to each class**
(tests can be saliva or lower nasal if asymptomatic. proof of a negative test should be sent to records@specialgiftstheatre.org)
 - OR**
 - c. **If proof of vaccination or proof of a negative Covid-19 test cannot be supplied on a weekly basis, participants may not participate in person programming, but may choose to participate virtually.**
(Email Debbie at dtausbarth@specialgiftstheatre.org to arrange this)

When at a SGT program, all students, peer mentors, volunteers and staff must:

1. Wear a face mask covering the nose and mouth at all times.
2. Maintain a minimum of a 3 foot physical distance at all times and a 6 foot distance when possible. Class sizes will be limited to allow for social distancing.
3. Wash or sanitize hands upon arrival to SGT and when transitioning spaces or groups.
4. Stay home if you are experiencing COVID-like symptoms.
 - a. COVID-like symptoms include: cough, shortness of breath, fever, chills, headache, running nose, sore throat, stomachache, loss of smell or taste,
 - b. CDC recommends that everyone, regardless of vaccination status be tested for COVID-19 if [symptomatic](#). Stay home from SGT programs until you have a negative COVID test if symptomatic.
5. Stay home if you have been in close contact with someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19.
 - a. Close Contact is defined as someone who was less than 6 feet away from an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period. An infected person can spread SARS-CoV-2 starting from 2 days before they have any symptoms (or, for asymptomatic people, 2 days before the positive specimen collection date), until they meet the criteria for ending isolation. ([Source: CDC](#))
 - b. People who are unvaccinated or not fully vaccinated should quarantine for 14 days and get tested immediately after being identified as a close contact. If the test is negative, they should get tested again 5–7 days after last exposure and continue to quarantine. If symptoms develop during quarantine, they should isolate and get tested immediately. ([Source: CDC](#)). You may return to SGT programming following the 14 day quarantine with a negative Covid test and if asymptomatic.

- c. People who are fully vaccinated should get tested 5-7 days after coming into close contact with someone with COVID-19 and wear a mask indoors in public for 14 days or until they test negative. If symptoms develop, they should isolate and get tested immediately. ([Source: CDC](#)). You may return to SGT programming following a negative Covid test 5-7 days after close contact and if asymptomatic.
6. Notify SGT at records@specialgiftstheatre.org or 847-564-7704 upon the immediate knowledge of a COVID-19 illness. SGT will notify all close contacts immediately. (Close contact is defined by the CDC as within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more, within 2 days of showing symptoms or being tested.)

**By attending SGT programs, you voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19.

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