



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. **Changes made 2/28/22 are highlighted.**

1. **All SGT staff and volunteers must be fully vaccinated (and boosted when eligible) against Covid-19.**
2. **All participants (students and peer mentors) must either:**
 - a. **Show proof of vaccination against Covid-19 including booster shot when eligible.**
(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 participate in virtual programming when offered.** *(Email Debbie at dtausbarth@specialgiftstheatre.org for more information.)*

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

1. 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.
2. Wash or sanitize hands upon arrival to SGT and when transitioning spaces or groups.
3. **Masks are optional: wearing a face mask covering the nose and mouth is encouraged.**
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. If exposed/ a 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. If you are up to date on Covid-19 vaccinations (including boosters when eligible) you do not need to quarantine unless you develop symptoms. Get tested at least 5 days after you last had close contact with someone with COVID-19 and wear a mask for 10 days.
 - c. If you are unvaccinated or not up to date on COVID-19 vaccinations, stay home from SGT programs/ quarantine for a minimum of 5 days. You may return to SGT programs as long as you are symptom-free and have tested negative for COVID-19 on/after the 5th day post exposure. You must wear a mask for 10 days.
 - d. If you had confirmed COVID-19 within the past 90 days, you do not need to quarantine unless you develop symptoms. You must wear a mask for 10 days.
6. If you test positive for COVID-19, isolate at home for a minimum of 5 days or until symptoms are improving.

- a. 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.)
- b. You may return to SGT programs after 5 days and when symptoms have resolved or are resolving and you have been fever-free for at least 24 hours. Wear a mask for 10 days.

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

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