

TAPROOT THEATRE



ACTING STUDIO

Taproot Theatre's Acting Studio is following all current state, county, and city guidelines and best practices for all in-person classes and camps. We are eager to welcome your students in-person in a safe and fun way!

In accordance with the recent King County Health ordinance, proof of COVID-19 vaccination (or a regular negative COVID test) will be required for all students enrolled in any of our in-person programs starting January 2022.

Things to bring to the first day of class:

- [Proof of Covid-19 Vaccination as outlined by King County](#) or
- Proof of a negative PCR COVID-19 test result (within 48 hours) or negative COVID-19 antigen test (within 24 hours). (This can be a digital or printed document from the test provider or laboratory. At home test results will be accepted for students only). [Click here to find a testing site near you.](#)

FOR WEEKLY EVENING CLASSES: Upon arrival each day, staff will check in with each student to verify that no other COVID-19 symptoms are present. Vaccination status will only be checked on the first day. If not vaccinated, students will need to have a new negative COVID test each week.

FOR WEEK LONG DAY CAMPS: Upon arrival each day, staff will check in with each student to verify that no other COVID-19 symptoms are present. Vaccination status will only be checked on the first day of camp. If not vaccinated, students will need to have one negative COVID test completed at Monday check-in and one negative COVID test at Wednesday check-in.

Other things Taproot is doing to keep students and families safe:

- Check-in/Check-out will be managed outside the front door of the building. Parents/guardians should not leave until their student has been cleared to enter the space. We will be checking vaccination status/negative COVID test results before students enter the building.
 - **All Taproot staff, teaching artists, and students will be required to wear a face covering at all times and fully cover the mouth and nose.** Face coverings with vents and gators will not be allowed. *For the safety of all, masks are required no matter vaccination status.*
 - Students will be asked to wash and sanitize their hands upon entering the building, before and after using any shared materials, and throughout the session. When possible, students will have individual materials.
 - Students will be socially distanced as needed when eating or drinking. Enhanced air quality measures have been implemented in the Jewell Mainstage Theatre space.
 - In between all sessions, custodial crews will sanitize all common areas and camp spaces at the end of each day. All students and staff are to comply with signage regarding social distancing rules and one-way traffic patterns throughout the building.
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ACTING STUDIO PERFORMANCE PROCEDURES

- All audience members must follow our current mainstage requirements. These requirements can be found [here](#).
- All audience members, vaccinated or otherwise, must wear a mask.
- Audience members unable to be vaccinated because of a medical condition, and/or sincerely held religious belief must provide results of a negative COVID-19 PCR test taken within 48 hours, or a negative COVID-19 antigen test taken within 24 hours of the performance. At home tests will not be accepted.
- Taproot's Acting Studio is still creating policy around audience members who are not old enough for vaccine eligibility yet. This page will be updated as soon as we know more.

All these requirements are based on guidance and mandates from WA State and King County, and the various stage and actor's unions with which Taproot Theatre closely works. As our Mainstage casts and crews return to our buildings, the strict testing and reduced exposure requirements made by the unions to protect our professional artists will be upheld by all Taproot sponsored activities. Additionally, Taproot Theatre joins other performing arts organizations in the region in requiring masks and vaccinations or proof of negative COVID-19 tests for all performance attendees to ensure a safe and successful return of the greater Seattle arts scene.

Taproot's Acting Studio will continue to adapt to ensure compliance with evolving health and safety protocols. We appreciate your support and understanding as we continue to navigate how best to serve the students, educators, staff, performers, and patrons that visit our spaces. We know difficult decisions will have to be made for families and the studio, but we are eager to remain a place of creativity and fun while also staying safe for all.

Questions about Taproot's Acting Studio Procedures? Email Director of Education & Outreach, Lindsey Long at lindsey@taproottheatre.org or call 206.529.3669.

Other Taproot Theatre COVID policies can be found [here](#).

If someone develops symptoms of COVID-19:

- If an individual presents a fever or reports feeling ill during camp, that student will **immediately** isolate with a Taproot staff member in a designated area. The student must be picked up by an approved guardian and may not return to camp for the remainder of the day. For subsequent camp days, the student may return if they display no symptoms, receive a negative COVID test, and complete a health screening assessment.
- In the case where a student who attended camp is exposed to COVID-19, Taproot will notify all parents of students who attended the same classroom immediately. The class will be transitioned to an online format. All personal information will remain confidential.

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Returning to Taproot after suspected signs of COVID-19:

- A student or teaching artist who had signs of COVID-19 can return when:
 - At least 24 hours have passed since recovery (defined as no fever without the use of medications and improvement in respiratory symptoms like cough and shortness of breath); and
 - At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared
- If an individual believes they have had close contact to someone with COVID-19, but they are not sick, they should watch their health for signs of fever, cough, shortness of breath, and other COVID-19 symptoms during the 14 days after close contact with the sick person with COVID-19. If unvaccinated, the individual should not go to work, childcare, school, or public places for 14 days.
- An individual who has had close contact with someone with COVID-19 and meets the following criteria does NOT need to stay home:
 - Someone who has been fully vaccinated and shows no symptoms of COVID-19. However, fully vaccinated people should get tested 3-5 days after their exposure, even if they don't have symptoms and wear a mask indoors in public for 14 days following exposure or until their test result is negative.

If exposure and quarantine happen prior to the start of camp and into the week of camp, Taproot will offer an exchange into a different session. If exposure and quarantine happen during camp week, that camp will move online for all students.

All illness or close physical contact with someone with COVID-19 must be reported immediately to Director of Education & Outreach, Lindsey Long at lindsey@taproottheatre.org.