

## **Policies and Procedures Handbook of Covid-19 Guidelines for the Ritz School of Performing Arts 2021-2022**

The Ritz School of Performing Arts is planning for in-person classes and performances for the 2021-2022 school year. Mask wearing and social distancing is required for all faculty, staff, students and their families especially those that are unable to receive the vaccination. We do ask that you please keep in mind the RSPA is a community school that currently serves students from different school districts, therefore class enrollment limits are in place and classes are scheduled in the largest spaces whenever possible. These protocols will change as needed, depending on the progress of the pandemic. The Ritz School of Performing Arts is committed to providing music, dance and theatre programs in the safest environment possible.

This document is fluid; we reserve the right to make changes as situations develop.

### ***Mask/Face Covering Guidelines:***

A mask/face covering must be worn in all common space areas at all times. Proper social distancing will always be observed.

Instructors will be in a mask/face covering while teaching.

Masks will be available at the theatre.

Failure to bring or obtain an appropriate face covering will result in your child being denied admittance into class.

Should a class size be small enough where more than the required social distancing can occur, the teacher may opt to allow students to practice/perform (on stage only) without a face covering. The instructor may also need to unmask for pronunciations/vocalizations; again, on stage only and socially distanced. All instructors are fully vaccinated.

Please do not arrive early to eliminate any unnecessary waiting around.

There is NO food allowed in the theatre. Water is the only beverage allowed.

Students who take multiple classes will wait in their classroom for the next class to begin.

***Quarantine:***

If a student's high school goes into quarantine, the student will be able to participate in class Virtually at their regularly scheduled time. If the RSPA staff is required to quarantine, classes will be held Virtually. All classes have a Live Virtual option. Classes will NOT be recorded and saved.

***Sanitizing:***

All students and visitors must sanitize their hands upon entry to the studio. Antibacterial hand soap will be available in the restrooms. All students must wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before entering and exiting.

***If a staff member or student is diagnosed with COVID-19, RSPA will follow the CDC and State recommended protocol:***

At RSPA's discretion, students who seem symptomatic will be dismissed immediately. A family member will be contacted for immediate pick-up. If a staff member is ill or has COVID-like symptoms, class will be held Virtually if the instructor is able.

In the event of a positive COVID test for staff or student, in-person classes will be closed for a period of 14 days.

During the 14-day closure all classes will run Virtually.

After recovering from a COVID-19 illness, students and family members must present RSPA with a doctor's note confirming it is safe for them to return and they have tested negative for the virus.

When you register for the 2021-2022 RSPA classes, you are registering for a September-April Program. We expect your registration will continue throughout the season. If, for any reason, the school must close due to a state mandate, we will immediately switch to a Virtual Studio for everyone where possible. Please register for classes with the intent to follow through with whatever extent that classes are held. If, for any reason, you will not be able to fulfill the commitment to the program and must withdraw, you will be required to notify RSPA in writing. We are hopeful, and planning, for an in-person spring showcase performance. Details to follow.