ZACH Theatre - Summer Camp Safety Protocols

ZACH's 2021 summer camps will operate **reduced-capacity, socially distant weekly camps** that meet or exceed the standards outlined by the **CDC** and **Austin Public Health** at both our Main/Downtown and North campuses.

ZACH is doing everything we can to keep our community healthy and safe and prevent the spread of COVID-19. The health and safety of our students and staff remains our top priority.

Please read all of the caregiver information in your pre-camp packet, which will be sent out two weeks in advance of your camp start date.

ZACH's Summer Camp Health and Wellness COVID-19 Safety Plan

Camp Programming Modifications and Strategies for Adhering to Social Distancing:

The following modifications have been made to our normal programming to ensure the safety of our students and staff:

- ZACH will NOT offer morning or afternoon extended care.
- There will be NO MORE THAN eight children and three adults in a room at a time.
- No group will be in the same space at the same time and the teachers will rotate classes as much as possible.
- There will be NO public camp demonstrations in order to prevent possible spread of illness. We will, however, be streaming demonstrations for parents to access.
- There will be six foot social distancing within groups at ALL times, including dance numbers and scene work.
- All staff and students will be required to wear masks at ALL times unless otherwise noted by the CDC and Austin Public Health.
- All teachers and interns will get specific training according to CDC guidelines to ensure safety and social distancing.
- Designated individual taped out areas for children to perform in.
- Outdoor check-in, breaks, and lunch as much as possible.
- Students will bring their own lunch and snacks which will stay with them throughout the day.
- No caregivers will be permitted in the building, all check-in and check-out will be outdoors.
- During lunch and snacks, students will be asked to maintain social distancing. After lunch, spaces will be wiped down and all will wash their hands.
- Maximum of two children in a bathroom at a time at our downtown location, and one child in a bathroom at a time at our north location.
- Hand sanitizer provided in every space.
- Arts and craft kits designated to each child and not shared to avoid the spread of germs.
- It is strongly recommended that students and staff must keep a personal bottle of hand sanitizer and apply appropriately as needed.



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Face masks:

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is required. Each student is responsible for supplying and maintaining their own PPE listed below.

- Students and Staff are required to wear appropriate Masks at all times while on ZACH Campus (inside and outside).
- Facemasks (reusable or disposable) must:
 - Fully cover the nose and mouth area and secure under the chin
 - Fit snugly (but comfortably) against the side of the face
 - Be secured with ear loops or ties that allow students/staff to remain hands-free
 - Based on guidance from health authorities, neck gaiters, bandanas, and facemasks with valves or holes of any kind are not acceptable.
- A face shield may be placed over the approved facemask to your comfort, but should not replace it.

Arrival, Check-In, & Health Screening:

- Camp Managers will act as our Safety Captains to help with all safety procedures.
- All pick up and drop offs will be outside of the building. Details and locations for pick up and drop offs will be sent separately in your pre-camp packet.
- Temperature checks and health screenings will happen for all students and staff upon arrival.
- Any child or staff member showing signs of illness, a temperature of 100 or above, or who confirms potential exposure will not be allowed to enter the building.
- Any student or staff member showing signs of illness during the camp day will be separated and asked to leave and/or caregivers will be called for pick up.

Pick up:

- Pick up and drop off of students will occur outside the main entrances of the downtown and north locations.
- Parents will have a "kid code" password that is required when picking up their child. Kid codes will be created at registration.

As per Health and Human Services guidance, we will deny entry to any person who meets any of the following criteria included in the daily health screening.

Students and staff will undergo the Standard COVID-19 symptom screening upon arrival.

- Temperature check Temperature will be taken and must be under 100F.
- The following screening questions will be asked:
 - Are you experiencing any COVID symptoms that are not caused by another condition?
 - Fever or chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing



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- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Recent loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Within the past 14 days, have you had contact with anyone that you know had COVID-19 or COVID-like symptoms?
- Have you had a positive COVID-19 test for the active virus in the past 10 days?
- Within the past 14 days, has a public health or medical professional told you to self-monitor, self-isolate, or self-quarantine because of concerns about COVID-19 infection?

Sanitation:

- Prior to each day, spaces will be thoroughly disinfected and cleaned by either a ZACH staff member or a professional cleaning company, using a combination of sanitizing sprays, including electrostatic disinfectant with an extra focus on high touch surfaces such as doorknobs, counters, restrooms, etc. Additional Disinfectant will be provided by ZACH to have on hand throughout the day.
- ZACH has upgraded all HVAC air filters to MERV 13 to capture airborne pathogens. Regular HVAC maintenance and inspection will take place by a professional vendor. Open windows, doors, fans, and air purifiers will be used as much as possible to increase fresh air percentages in each building.
- Teachers and interns are responsible for disinfecting in classrooms periodically throughout the day.
- Students and staff must maintain excellent personal hygiene practices throughout the day.

Responding to a Possible COVID-19 Case on campus:

- ZACH will close immediately and parents will be contacted to pick up their children.
- ZACH will continue to communicate appropriate updates to families.
- ZACH will notify the local health department.
- Any student or staff member who shows symptoms associated with COVID-19, while on campus, will immediately be escorted to an isolated location to be evaluated. The student's parents will be called and the student will remain in a private space with a ZACH staff member until he/she is picked up or is able to return home. Any staff member who shows symptoms will return home as soon as possible.
- All areas used by the student or staff member who show COVID-19 symptoms while on campus will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected as soon as is feasible.
- Anyone exposed is recommended to stay home until 14-days after the last exposure and maintain social distancing from others.
- ZACH will reopen two weeks after the positive case has been identified.



Parent Tips:

While there is no 100% effective way to prevent illnesses, we're taking ongoing steps to make our in-person camps as clean and safe a learning environment as possible. **There are additional steps that YOU can take to help us provide a clean, safe, and healthy environment.**

If your child is sick, please keep them at home.

We'll be doing daily temperature checks and health screenings for all students, and any student showing signs of illness will be sent home. To save yourself an extra trip, it's best to keep sick students at home.

Work with your student ahead of time to practice good hygiene.

- Help your student get familiar with important concepts like:
 - Frequent washing of hands with soap and water for at least 15-20 seconds each time.
 - > Avoid touching your eyes and face as much as possible.
 - > Maintain physical distance from other students as much as possible.
 - > Practice wearing a mask as much as possible.
 - Cover your mouth and nose if you have to sneeze or cough. If you're not wearing a mask, remember to cough and sneeze into your elbow (the "vampire sneeze") or into a tissue, not into your hand.

ZACH will continue to monitor the guidelines recommended by the CDC and State and Local health officials. Please reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns.

