

Lyrics Theater Health Policy for Show Participants (Minimizing the Impact of Communicable Diseases)

**This updated policy reflects current scientific research findings as of March 2023,
and will be reassessed if there is a disease outbreak.**

General

- Anyone who is sick should not attend a rehearsal or performance.
- All cast and production team members are to be masked at all times indoors during rehearsal and backstage (unless doing makeup, eating, or drinking water). In well-ventilated outdoor spaces, masks are optional.
- Casts may be unmasked on stage.
- Sliding doors and windows are to be open during rehearsals to increase air flow.
- Sharing of food or drinks should be minimized.
- All participants should practice good hand hygiene (wash hands frequently and use hand sanitizer).

Vaccination

- We encourage vaccinations to prevent communicable disease such as COVID and flu. However, vaccinations are not required for participation.

Participation after recovery

- If someone is diagnosed with COVID, current CDC guidelines regarding isolation apply. Anyone who has recovered from any other communicable illness and is asymptomatic can participate in rehearsals or performance.
- There is no testing requirement for COVID, RSV, or flu, either for screening, diagnosis, or recovery.

Logistics

- Any illness should be reported immediately to the stage manager or producer.
- There should be a robust system in place to allow those absent from rehearsals to catch up (such as Zoom rehearsal sessions, recorded and schematic blockings, etc.).
- Hand sanitizers and extra masks should be made available at rehearsals and performances.
- Pocket holders should be provided on both backsides of the stage for the cast to store their masks while on stage. Cast members are encouraged to bring multiple masks to keep for entrances from different sides of the stage.