

Carousel Players

... THEATRE YOU NEVER OUTGROW ...

Arts Education Programs 2021 Health & Safety Protocols

General Protocols

- Each program will have a bubble of no more than 12 attendees plus program staff.
- Parents/guardians must sign an indemnity waiver by/before the first day of the program.
- Parents/guardians must sign a media release so that attendees can be in their program's recorded final performance.
- Everyone must sanitize when entering the building and before/after eating.
- Everyone must wear masks, including when distanced, unless eating and/or drinking.

The Arts Education Centre will have the following features:

- Sanitization stations at every entrance/exit.
- One tape circle on the ground for each participant spaced at least 6 feet apart as part of a larger circle/gathering area.
- Designated areas where attendees can keep their belongings.
- Attendees will be provided with their own craft supplies (pencils, pens, erasers, pencil crayons, crayons, markers, glue stick, scissors, etc).
- A separate area for snack/lunch times and water breaks.
- Directional arrows on staircases and in hallways.
- Surfaces will be sanitized at the end of each program.

Arrival & Sign In

Early or late arrival outside of the scheduled program start time is discouraged.

When attendees arrive, they should remain in their car, or designated pedestrian waiting area, until a staff member arrives to ask them and/or their guardian the daily Covid-19 self-assessment questions through the window, or at a safe distance. Parents/guardians and children must wear masks during the screening process.

If the screening results are negative, the attendee will exit their car with their mask on and be led into the building. Attendees are encouraged to enter the building on their own and guardians are advised not to accompany them to limit the traffic in and out of the building.

Upon entering the building the attendee will sanitize their hands at the sanitizing station before heading up the stairs into the Arts Education Centre.

Attendees will have their own cubby or area to keep their belongings. After putting their personal belongings away they will sit in their designated area until programming begins.

Attendees Should Bring...

- Mask with their name or initials on it
- Backpack or bag
- Water bottle with their name on it

Leaving & Sign Out

Each attendee will have a designated daily pick-up time. Early or late arrival outside of the scheduled time is discouraged.

When parents/guardians arrive to pick up their child, a staff member will lead the attendee from the Arts Education Centre to the car, or designated pedestrian waiting area, and confirm the adult's identity before releasing the attendee into their custody. Parents/guardians and children must wear masks during this process.

Only one attendee will be allowed to leave at a time unless they are siblings in a family bubble.

Program Activities

First Day of Program

On the first day of the program the coordinator and/or instructor will go over Covid-19 protocols with the attendees including:

- Mask protocol
- Handwashing
- Physical distancing
- Hallway flow and directional arrows
- Washroom use
- Eating/drinking
- Cough and sneeze protocol and reporting illness
- Other program specific expectations

Break Times

Attendees will be encouraged to sit at a safe distance from each other to eat lunch.

Attendees will be able to use the washroom one at a time.

The snack area will be organized so attendees can eat at a desk or table distanced from others with their masks off.

All attendees are required to wear their masks when not distanced and once they are done eating and drinking they must put their masks back on.

While on break, all attendees are required to social distance from one another to the best of their abilities, including in commonly used areas like the washroom.

When returning to the Arts Education Centre, attendees are required to have washed their hands and/or used the hand sanitizer provided at the sanitizing station.

Games & Activities

Attendees are required to keep their masks on at all times during games and activities.

Activities can be done with a prop (a handheld object such as a ball or a flower) or a costume piece (such as a hat or cape). Each attendee may have/make/bring their own prop for the activity (eg a telescope made during craft time).

Sharing props or costume pieces is discouraged. If a prop or costume piece is passed from person to person the attendees must sanitize before and after the activity, and the prop or costume piece itself must be sanitized as well.

Crafts

Crafts will be done in a distanced format and attendees will use their designated supplies.

Staff will prepare, pre-trace, and/or cut out most craft elements (such as googly eyes, a frog body traced on craft paper, pipe cleaners, etc.) and those supplies will be set up at attendees' desks or work areas before the craft time to avoid unnecessary contact.

Singing

Attendees will not be allowed to sing in any in person programs.

Final Performances

Final performances will be filmed and shared with friends and family digitally to preserve the program bubble.

Performances will be done with masks on unless a student is doing a solo lip-syncing performance distanced from others in the room.

Filming requires media release forms for all children to be filmed, otherwise an attendee will not be able to participate in the final performance.

Covid-19 Screening & Safety Procedures

Staff or Representative of Carousel Players

- Daily screening of staff members and representatives of Carousel Players (co-op students, volunteers) will take place as part of start of work day procedures.
- If any staff members or representatives of Carousel Players have a positive screening or develop symptoms of Covid-19 at any point during they day, they must inform their supervisor, leave work immediately, seek medical help, and get tested.
- A staff member or representative of Carousel Players who has exhibited symptoms of Covid-19 or had a positive screening will not be allowed to return to program until they receive a negative Covid-19 test result and/or have self-isolated for the duration of time advised by health officials.

General Guidelines

- Daily screening of attendees will take place as part of drop-off procedures.
- Attendees are required to remain at home if they or a member of their household is ill or has been traveling outside of the province within 14 days of the start of the program.
- If anyone at a program reports symptoms related to COVID-19, all persons who have interacted with them in the past 14 days will be required to leave the program immediately and follow the directives of the public health authority regarding testing and isolation.
- In the event that a person at a program is diagnosed with a confirmed case of COVID-19, advanced cleaning and public health guidance will be followed for return to the program.
- No one who has been directed to go home per this guideline may return to the program without the prior approval of Carousel Players.
- Parents/guardians may be contacted to pick up children mid-day if necessary.

Reasons for Denied Entry or Removal from Program

- If an attendee has a positive Covid-19 screening, they will not be admitted to the program.
- If an attendee or parent/guardian does not follow the screening protocol, the attendee will not be admitted to the program that day.
- If an attendee does not follow the safety regulations outlined in the program protocols, they will be asked to leave the program.
- If an attendee exhibits symptoms of Covid-19 on-site, staff will isolate them in a separate area and arrange for them to leave the program as a precaution of the health and safety of everyone at the program.

Cancellations & Refunds

- If Carousel Players cancels a program before it begins, registration fees will be fully refunded.
- If parents/guardians choose to withdraw their child from a program before it begins, registration fees will be refunded less a small administrative fee.
- If an attendee is required to not attend the program for Covid-19 reasons (they are exhibiting symptoms, another person was exhibiting symptoms, they were asked to leave), registration fees for the remainder of the program period will be refunded.