



### **Introduction**

This document provides the most up-to-date health & safety policies for Pink Umbrella Theater Company's in-person classes. All guidelines are based upon the recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([CDC](#)), the Department of Health and Safety of Wisconsin ([DHS](#)), and developed further through discussions with national and local arts programming providers. These policies may be adjusted at any time based on new recommendations.

We acknowledge that some of our students are vaccinated, but not all who take classes at Pink Umbrella Theater are able, choose to, or are old enough to be vaccinated. We feel strongly about ensuring a safe place for everyone under the umbrella, so we will...

- Require vaccines for all involved in programming over the age of 5
  - If a participant is not vaccinated and over the age of 5, [weekly COVID testing](#) is required based upon the following [guidelines](#) (See “Screening Testing”) We can assist in providing tests if needed.
- Maintain 3-6 feet of spatial distancing.
- Masks will be mandatory for students, staff volunteers, interns and anyone within the class structure due to our classes being held indoors. (All masks must be fitted over the nose and mouth. The CDC outlines which masks are effective [here](#).)

As of 1.7.2023, Milwaukee county is marked as [MEDIUM](#).

We thank you in advance for your attention and adherence to our guidelines for our upcoming session. Please read through all materials provided on this website and in your registration and class reminder emails.

Please note, we will continue to monitor guidelines nationally and locally and update you accordingly. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to ask by email [admin@pinkumbrellatheater.org](mailto:admin@pinkumbrellatheater.org) or 414-522-9081.

### **Student and Staff Use of Pink Umbrella Theater Spaces**

Pink Umbrella Theater will do everything to provide the best possible health and safety outcomes for our upcoming session.

Wherever we are gathered, we will follow all mask and social distancing guidelines as outlined

within.

In addition to the students and their families, there will be teaching artists, interns, volunteers and Pink Umbrella Theater staff members on site throughout the session.

### **Health Monitoring**

Pink Umbrella Theater asks that students and their families partner with us to help ensure the safest possible environment in which these programs can take place.

Our basic health monitoring expectations are:

- Students and staff members that are unwell (cough, fever, etc) while at home, are required to stay at home.
- Staff members who become sick while at Pink Umbrella Theater will be required to go home immediately.
- Students who become sick while at Pink Umbrella Theater will be in a safe isolated place until they can be picked up as soon as possible by a parent/caregiver.

### **Self Screening is Required for Staff, Students, Volunteers, Interns**

Before attending class we ask participants and families to Self Screen.

In the past 14 days, have you had any of the following symptoms that cannot be attributed to another condition?

- Have you had a temperature over 100F, felt feverish (chills, body aches) or used a fever reducer?
- Do you have a new or worsening cough?
- Do you have a new or worsening sore throat?
- Have you experienced nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea?
- Have you developed a loss of smell or taste?
- Have you had a runny nose or congestion?
- Have you had shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, or chest tightness?
- Have you had headaches or other muscle or body aches?
- Have you been in close contact with someone who is currently sick with suspected or diagnosed Covid 19?
- Have you traveled internationally or to a community in the US that is experiencing a sustained spread of Covid 19?

**If you've answered yes to any of the questions above, please stay home.**

- **At Home Monitoring:** Participants, parents, and caregivers are asked to be vigilant about monitoring the health of students on an ongoing basis. Anyone concerned they

may have developed symptoms of COVID-19 should NOT attend Pink Umbrella Theater. Parents and participants may contact Pink Umbrella in writing at [admin@pinkumbrellatheater.org](mailto:admin@pinkumbrellatheater.org) or by phone 414-522-9081, if unable to attend.

- **Health Screening of Pink Umbrella Theater Staff Members:** All staff, teaching artists, interns and volunteers will Self Scan and will be held to the same standard as students with regards to participation.
- **Health Screening at Pink Umbrella Theater During Programming:** Pink Umbrella Theater will not conduct a *formal health screening* during classes, unless a student appears to be unwell, or has indicated to a staff member that they are feeling unwell. We ask that all students check in at the Welcome Station to obtain their bracelets and do a brief check in.

**If a student becomes unwell**, they will be isolated and supervised in a safe space until a parent/caretaker is able to pick them up.

**If a case of COVID-19 is reported at Pink Umbrella Theater**, we will notify all families and staff members. Classes will be held virtually and/or a negative COVID test will be required of all to participate. Thank you for your flexibility, understanding, and keeping our community safe and healthy.

#### **A Note about Student/Staff Absences.**

Pink Umbrella Theater asks our students and families to remember that there may be many reasons why a student or staff member is absent from class, most of which may have nothing to do with COVID-19 (including appointments, scheduled conflicts, transportation issues, or (known) non-COVID-related health issues, etc.). If a student or staff member is absent but returns to the program on a subsequent day, it is because we believe fully there is no new COVID-19 threat to our community based on the information provided by families, staff, and participants with regards to these absences.

Thank you for respecting the privacy of fellow Pink Umbrella Theater participants and trusting that Pink Umbrella Theater will act swiftly and appropriately when/if any threats to our health and safety arise this summer.

Any questions or concerns about health screening protocols may be sent to [admin@pinkumbrellatheater.org](mailto:admin@pinkumbrellatheater.org) or 414-522-9081 at any time.

#### **More Information about Social Distancing and PPE**

Pink Umbrella Theater will enforce the best practices and recommendations put forth by the [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov) regarding social distance and mask use. Minimum expectations are as follows:

- *Social Distancing:* For **indoor activities**, social distancing will be observed, with the

goal of a 3 foot distance between students whenever possible.

- *Masks:* For **indoor activities**, masks will be mandatory at this time.

Everyone on site for Pink Umbrella Theater programming is expected to follow mask and social distancing guidelines within.

### **More Information about Hand Washing/Hygiene**

One of the most important tools in fighting the spread of COVID-19 is still the simple act of proper hand washing/sanitization. Pink Umbrella Theater will provide ample hand sanitizer when we are gathered.

Sanitizing will be required before/after snack breaks. Additionally, students and staff may be required to sanitize hands at other points during class.

### **More Information about Cleaning/Sanitization**

Pink Umbrella Theater is committed to an ongoing rigorous approach to keeping our spaces clean/sanitized and as disinfected as possible.

- All participants will have their own box full of items necessary for class participation.
- All shared items will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized before and after class.

### **Program-Specific Concerns**

Pink Umbrella Theater continues to identify health and safety concerns that are unique to the type of theater program we provide. As these concerns come up, we are developing processes to address them. While the following list is not comprehensive, we wanted to provide some reassurance about the following topics our staff has identified in our early planning meetings.

**Singing** – Singing together in person provides an extremely high risk of exposure to COVID-19. When students are singing, they must maintain 6 feet of distance even when masks are worn.

**Staging/Blocking** – Pink Umbrella Theater has implemented a color-coded system in all classes and rehearsals. Students will be able to choose the wristband color that feels most comfortable to them on any given day. Red for “Please maintain distance,” Yellow for “Please ask for permission to enter within the six feet,” and Green for “Welcome into my space.” Students and families assume all the risk that comes with wearing the green bracelet. We will maintain distance during dance numbers and if contact is made, hand sanitizing will be encouraged.

There may be other things that come up in the days ahead and look forward to being creative in our approach to blocking and staging this summer.

## **What to Bring From Home**

More information will be included in upcoming communications, but for advance planning purposes, we offer the following information at this time. Pink Umbrella Theater will provide a bin or box for each student to hold their class items. This bin will be collected, items sanitized and ready for use again for the next class.

Please plan on bringing the following items with you to class:

- Water: Please bring your own water with you.
- Snacks: Please bring your own snack (if needed).
- Masks: Please bring your own mask with you, as well as extras. We will have masks on-site if you don't have one.

**Please Label Everything.** Items left behind that are not labeled may be disposed of as part of the cleaning/sanitizing process.

## **THANK YOU, ALL!**

Thank you for your attention to the information provided in this document. We look forward to seeing you. We will continue to monitor guidelines nationally and locally and update you accordingly. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to ask by email [admin@pinkumbrellatheater.org](mailto:admin@pinkumbrellatheater.org) or 414-522-9081.