Safety Procedures and Regulations

In order to keep our campers and staff safe, we'll be taking the following measures at conservatory this summer. These regulations are based on what we know right now, and will likely change as local health department regulations shift. All sessions will take place outdoors at Cal Shakes’ Bruns Amphitheater.

Designated groups

Conservatory actors will be in “stable groups” (casts) of 15, depending on local regulations, that do not mix with other groups on site. These groups will remain as stable as possible for the duration of conservatory.

Stay Home If...

In order to help ensure the well-being of our campers and staff, please follow the guidelines below as to when your child should stay home from camp. These also represent instances when we will require a child to be picked up from Conservatory if they become ill while attending.

If County guidelines mandate additional quarantine, testing or a medical release to return to care, Cal Shakes will follow whichever is most restrictive. Staff are kept up to date with county and CDC regulations on a weekly basis.

- **Fever:** At a minimum, children must be fever-free (meaning an oral thermometer reads 100.4° or less, or an ear thermometer reads 101.4° or less for 24 hours, without the aid of fever-reducing medication, before they come to Conservatory. If our staff determine that a child has a fever, we will contact the child’s parent/guardian and ask that they pick the child up. If county guidelines mandate that a fever, or a fever in conjunction with other symptoms, warrants more than 24 hours quarantine we will follow whichever guideline is most restrictive.
• **COVID-19:** Students should stay home if they have, or someone in their household has, any COVID-19 symptoms including: fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, chills, body aches, fatigue, headache, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, new loss of taste or smell or eye drainage or infection. If a child has been in close proximity (closer than 6 feet for more than 10 minutes, without wearing a face covering) to anyone who was experiencing any of the above symptoms, or who has experienced any of the above symptoms since being in contact with them, or tested positive for COVID-19, are waiting to receive test results, or are presumptively positive based on a health care provider's assessment or symptoms they should also stay home for the amount of time recommended by your state’s Health Department.

• **Contagious illness/parasitic infection:** If your child has a contagious illness, even without fever, beyond a mild cold (for example: pink eye, a contagious skin rash), or if your child has head lice/nits, please do not send your child to Conservatory. If we believe that a child likely has a contagious illness or head lice/nits, we will contact the child’s parent/guardian and ask that they pick the child up. You may send your child to Conservatory with a doctor’s note if their condition has been treated such that it is no longer contagious.

• **Diarrhea/vomiting:** If your child has experienced diarrhea or vomiting within 24 hours before camp, please do not send them to Conservatory. Cal Shakes is not equipped to handle cases of diarrhea or repeated vomiting except on an emergency basis, until the child can be picked up by a parent/guardian.

**Safety Precautions**

Staff and directors are trained to recognize COVID-19 signs and symptoms. In addition to the health screening questions and temperature checks at check in, for both staff and students, individuals with a temperature over 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit will be isolated following CDC guidelines until an adult can pick them up. Siblings of the camper will also need to go home. Other families in the “cast” will be notified of a fever and encouraged to watch for symptoms, but will not be
required to go home. Students can return the next day if they are fever-free without the use of fever-reducing medications.

In the event of a confirmed COVID-19 case (of a student or staff member on site) Cal Shakes will immediately notify local health officials. Health officials will help determine a course of action for the program. We may need to close the site, where the exposure was reported for a time if required. This would most likely be a 24 hour facility closure, allowing time for local health officials to gain a better understanding of the COVID-19 situation. Cal Shakes will coordinate with local health officials to communicate closure decisions and any possible COVID-19 exposure. In the event of a positive camper, all members of the camper's cast will likely be recommended to self-quarantine for 14 days. (If we are forced to take this step, remaining sessions and final performances will be held remotely via zoom.)

The Conservatory site will be cleaned and disinfected thoroughly on a daily basis, and staff will assess all health and safety procedures, site operations, and any need for increased monitoring and/or training.