Hartford Stage Fall Studio 2021 Frequently Asked Questions

- Please note: Due to the ever-changing nature of the COVID-19 pandemic and recommendations from the State, any and all policies are subject to change.

Where will the program be located this fall? All in-person programming will take place at the First Presbyterian Church of Hartford, located at 136 Capitol Ave in Hartford.

Do you require vaccines of staff and students? Yes. All staff working in our classes are fully vaccinated. Any student above the age of 12 years old must show proof of vaccination, or show a negative Covid test within 24 hours of that week's class. Since students under the age of 12 are not yet eligible for the vaccine, that is not a requirement of those classes. We will take careful measures to ensure that groups do not intermingle.

Will my child have to wear a mask in class? Yes. Masks will be required of all students and staff at all times, regardless of vaccination status. We will plan mask breaks as needed. We will also have extra masks available for those who forget or need to change their mask.

What are some of the precautions you will be using to prevent the spread of COVID-19? We are closely following the state guidelines regarding COVID-19. These include things such as requiring all staff and eligible students to be vaccinated, masks, social distancing, and frequent cleaning. We continue to update our protocols as more guidelines become available.

What are the expected responsibilities of participants to help prevent the spread of COVID-19? We ask that anyone who chooses to be a part of our program does whatever they can to keep everyone in our community safe. This means following the current state guidelines regarding travel, group gatherings and known exposures. If your student has experienced any of the above listed examples, we ask that you contact us so we can determine if your child can attend the program.

What is your sick policy? Each student will be required to undergo a health screen each week prior to check in. Upon arrival each day, a parent or guardian must answer the health screening questions on behalf of each student. For more details regarding this policy, please refer to our Fall 2021 Sick Policy.

Will there be performances for the programs this fall? Yes! For our weekly classes, we will record the students’ work and make the recording available to the students after the final day of class. For the Production Class, our plan is to have in person performances at the church on December 10th and 11th (dependent upon the current state of the pandemic.) All audience members must also be fully vaccinated or show a negative Covid test before
the performance. If we are unable to hold in person performances, we will switch to a virtual platform for the show. Families will be kept up to date if plans need to adjust.

**What are your drop off/pick up procedures?** There is ample parking around the First Presbyterian Church, so families are welcome to park and walk up to drop off their students. We will also have a staff member posted at the street in front of the class entrance for car drop offs. If you do choose to walk up, please escort your student to the drop off area so they can be checked in. Parents or guardians will be asked health screening questions upon arrival before the student is permitted to enter the building. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, only staff and students will be permitted in the building. Students must be dropped off in the designated drop off spots only. A parent (or someone on the child’s approved pick-up list) must sign their child in and out each day. If we do not know you, we may ask to see ID.

**What is your refund policy?**
Should the health department direct us to quarantine specific classes, we will switch our programming to a virtual model and contact families for any needed schedule adjustments.

We're sorry, but we cannot offer refunds or credits to families instructed or choosing to quarantine due to household exposure/suspected exposure (i.e., siblings in other programs, contact with friends/neighbors outside of class, school contacts, parent exposed at work, etc.), or if a household member tests positive, thereby necessitating that their child remain in quarantine. Lost time (including illness or vacation) cannot be made up in other sessions.

If you have any further questions, please contact Emely Larson, Studio Manager, at elarson@hartfordstage.org or (203) 908-1832.