

PLEASE READ THIS BEFORE YOU REGISTER

COVID Protocols for MTYP

Summer Theatre Camps 2021

We are excited to welcome you to Manitoba Theatre for Young People this summer. We promise to do everything we can to offer you a fun and creative adventure in drama, while following strict safety protocols to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19.

An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. By attending on-site programs at Manitoba Theatre for Young People you voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19. Let's keep each other healthy and safe.

Here is an overview of some of the conditions and restrictions you'll face as a parent, guardian, or caregiver of a child at MTYP's on-site camps in summer 2021. Please think about these conditions before you commit to an in-person camp.

If an in-person camp doesn't sound right for your child, please consider an online summer course or one-time online workshop.

Here's what you can expect at MTYP on-site camps this summer:

SCREENING

Students, parents participating in drop-off and pick-up, and staff are required to check their temperature and use the Provincial Government's online screening tool, found at <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/> every morning prior to coming to MTYP. If anyone in your household is awaiting the results of a COVID test, has travelled outside Manitoba in the last 14 days, or has been in contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19, please stay home. If you have symptoms listed on the Government website, please stay home and call Health Links at 204-788-8200 for further instructions.

Staff will conduct a screening and parent interview for each child every morning and record the results daily. The interview will include questions like:

Have you or anyone in your household travelled outside of Manitoba in the last 14 days?

Have you been in contact with any confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the last 14 days?

Do you or anyone in your household have any symptoms listed in the Provincial Government's screening tool?

If your child exhibits any of these symptoms, they will be refused entry to camp. Decisions to refuse entry to camp will be confirmed by the acting Camp Director or Senior Management at MTYP.

REFUND POLICY

Campers may receive a refund before the start of camp, minus the \$20 non-refundable registration fee. If your child has to drop out in the middle of a camp week because of illness, let's talk about a possible credit for a future MTYP program or a partial refund. If a child is removed from camp or drops out on the last day, no refund or credit will be offered.

DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

Please send your child to camp with only one parent or caregiver at a time. We will meet you at the front doors of MTYP. Physical distancing marks have been painted on the ground in our courtyard to allow for easy lining up to drop off your child. You won't even have to enter the building. Please drop off your child during the 30-minute window of time before their camp day begins and pick them up within the 30-minute window at the end of the day.

You and your child are required to wear a mask and maintain 2 metres physical distance from others during pick-up and drop-off times.

REDUCED GROUP SIZES

Summer Theatre Camp at MTYP will consist of 3 groups of 6 to 8 campers, for a total of 22 students in our building at a time. These reduced numbers allow for safe physical distancing while in studios.

The groups have staggered start times and use separate restrooms. They do not come into contact with one another.

DIGITAL PERFORMANCES

Audiences will not be invited into the MTYP building this summer. Instead, student performances will be videotaped and posted on Vimeo. Each class project will be protected by a password. During the registration process, you will be asked to give permission for us to videotape your child and share the video with the families of other students in the class.

Additional office staff will use their own entrances and washrooms, and will not come into contact with campers.

We will be operating within the capacity limits and physical distancing guidelines set by the Province of Manitoba for summer day camps.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

We will provide an environment that allows for physical distancing of two metres between people at all times.

We will be monitoring campers and will have floor markings to indicate safe spacing. Staff will teach age-appropriate physical distancing strategies for students in the program.

At snack and lunch time, spacing will be provided to avoid close contact and there will be no sharing of food, drinks, or personal items.

CLEANING AND SANITIZING

Hand-washing and sanitizing supplies will be available at all times.

Staff and children will wash hands when they arrive at MTYP and frequently throughout the day, especially after using restrooms and before and after snack and lunchtime.

Staff will regularly disinfect high-touch surfaces, and will use our electrostatic sanitization system to sanitize rooms before every camp day.

MASK WEARING

Students and staff are expected to wear a properly fitted mask throughout their day at MTYP. Masks may be removed at lunch and snack times when students are seated in physically distanced designated areas. We encourage you to bring a spare mask in case your first one gets wet or soiled. We also have disposable non-medical masks available.

REDUCING EXPOSURE

To reduce unnecessary exposure to COVID-19, no students will be permitted to leave the building between morning check-in and pick-up time at the end of the day, except for planned outdoor excursions with their instructor, in which they will not come into contact with people outside the camp group. Anyone leaving camp for any reason (appointments, outings with family) will not be allowed to return until the following day. Teens, please note: you will not be able to have a parent or guardian sign a permission form allowing you to leave the building.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Thanks for reading! It continues to be challenging to adapt to COVID-19 safety protocols. If you're prepared to help us follow these safety rules strictly so that we can reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19, we'd love to see you at MTYP this summer.

On the other hand, if the rules seem like too much for your child to handle, please consider one of our online options. Read about them at www.mtyp.ca.

Additional information about camp will be sent to campers after confirming registration.

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