

Covid Safety Protocols for Acme Theatre Company's Summer 2021

As of: 6/4/2021

*Questions or concerns about these protocols, or Acme's Covid-safety, should be shared with
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These protocols were drafted by Acme company members. Our goal in the drafting and implementation of these protocols is to protect the safety of Acme's members and the wider community. Over the last year, some of us have lost family and friends to Covid-19. We are proceeding with caution. To be inclusive of all of our families, Acme's company members have created protocols that are, as of June 4, 2021, more stringent than the current Yolo County guidelines. Should COVID cases increase in Yolo County, we will follow the guidelines of Yolo County's Public Health Department.

At it's best, theatre is an exercise in building trust, collaboration, and strong community. We will review these guidelines with all Acme members at the start of the summer as a part of our audition & orientation, and post them at all Acme gatherings. We ask all company members to respect these guidelines, and to offer each other patience and grace as we feel our way through this summer's creative process. As the Covid-19 pandemic is an evolving situation, and because theatre is a dynamic creative process, revisions may be needed. If revisions are needed, we will send them out to all Acme company members and parents via email. Together, we will do our best to communicate clearly as we care for each other and our wider community.

1. **Vaccinations:** We **strongly encourage** all Acme company members to get vaccinated for Covid-19, unless otherwise advised by their health care provider. The vaccination rate within our group will directly impact the ways in which we choose to perform - how close together actors stand, whether we perform in masks, etc. For this reason, we will ask all Acme company members to share their vaccination status (fully vaccinated, in process of getting vaccinated, planning to get vaccinated, or planning to NOT vaccinate) with our adult Artistic Director, Emily Henderson. This information will be treated with confidentiality.
2. **Testing:** To participate in Acme's summer 2021 projects, all company members must agree to testing twice a week with Healthy Davis Together, regardless of whether they are vaccinated. Company members will go together to be tested as a part of our rehearsal process. If participants have not already registered with Healthy Davis Together, they will need to do so. If participants do not test twice a week, they may be sent home or removed from the show.
3. **Location:** The majority of Acme activities (rehearsals, meetings, tech work, performances) will take place outdoors. However, indoor gatherings are allowed for groups up to 10, with masks, in ventilated rooms. All indoor spaces will have air-purifiers.
4. **Group Size:** Outdoor rehearsals will be limited to 20 people. Indoor rehearsals will be limited to 10 people under the criteria listed above.
5. ***Masks:** All Acme participants must wear a mask (cloth or disposable) during all Acme activities. If 90-100% of the group is vaccinated and continues regular testing, during performances actors may be allowed to remove their masks as they come on stage and replace their mask as they exit.
6. ***Distance:** All Acme participants must maintain 6-feet of distance from each other during Acme activities. If 90-100% of the group is vaccinated and continues regular testing, vaccinated actors may be blocked to be closer together.
7. ****Performances:** Performances are planned to be limited to Acme family members and invited guests of Acme participants. All audience members must be vaccinated or show proof of a negative Covid test within 72 hours of the performance. We hope to record and stream the performance for the public.
8. **Covid Safety Lead:** Critical Acme gatherings such as auditions, tech work, load-in and dress rehearsals will have a single assigned Covid Safety lead.
9. **Informed Consent:** In addition to Acme's usual waiver form, we require the company member's guardian to sign an Covid-19 Waiver and complete paperwork to allow company members to go to testing, if they haven't already done so.
10. **Self Screening:** All company members must self-screen prior to arriving to an Acme event and NOT COME if they feel sick. When company members arrive, they will take their temperature and use hand sanitizer.

- 11. Handwashing:** All company members are encouraged to wash their hands and sanitize frequently. Hand sanitizer will be available at all Acme gatherings.
- 12. No Sharing Food or Drinks:** Acme company members must not share food or drinks for the duration of our rehearsal and performance process.
- 13. Sickness:** If a company member begins feeling unwell during an Acme gathering, they will separate from the group, and we will work with them to contact their family so that they can arrange to get home.
- 14. Recording Attendance:** Acme's student Stage Managers will record daily attendance for contact tracing.
- 15. Covid-Safety Protocols:** Acme Safety Protocols will be posted on-site for Acme rehearsals.
- 16. Covid-Safety Orientation:** All company members will receive a Covid-Safety orientation in which these protocols will be reviewed.

*These are the protocols that we think, if the company members are all vaccinated, and if their families are amenable, may possibly evolve over the summer.

**Performances will be limited to invited guests. The total number of audience members has not yet been finalized.

Acme Theatre Company - Internal Guidelines for Summer 2021

One-on-One Meetings: Allowed with masks and 6 ft distance.
Group Meetings: Remain primarily on Zoom, can happen outdoors and masked in groups of up to 20 people.
Auditions: First audition info session happens on Zoom to review Covid-safety protocols and Acme participation expectations. Auditions & callbacks take place outdoors, masked, and distanced. Limited to groups of 10.
Parent Orientation: Will take place via Zoom on Wednesday, June 16 at 7:00pm
Rehearsals: Outdoor rehearsals are limited to 20 people. We will put up a rudimentary fence and signs so non-Acme folks can't just walk up to us. To support distancing, stage & off stage will be clearly divided into areas. Indoor rehearsals are limited to 10 people and all indoor spaces will have air purifiers.
Tech Work: Limited to teams of 5 people. Minimize time closer than 6 feet. Must have assigned Covid Safety lead
Company Bonding Events: Limited to 20 people. Must have assigned Covid Safety lead
BTSOOP: If this happens, we are doing it on Zoom with an invite-only audience
Banquet: More planning needed.
Rummage Sale: Will take place after the show closes - in August or September. Limited to 10 people per shift. Masked, outdoors. Minimize time closer than 6 feet.
Workshops: Not being attempted in Summer 2021
Education Program: Not being attempted in Summer 2021
Storage Clean Out: No Storage clean out is needed in Summer 2021