



Vanguard Theater Company Kids Day Camp COVID-19 Response Plan

VTC Kids Camp's plan to open is rooted in our belief that we can create a fun, nurturing, creative, and safe environment for our campers and staff. We love our camp and our campers, and believe children need camp right now! Our top priority this summer is to implement effective procedures to ensure the safety of every single one of our campers and staff.

Over the past year our new home, The Vanguard, has been fully gutted and completely renovated. Our air conditioned space boasts a brand new state of the art ventilation system and we can ensure a clean and safe space for our campers.

We understand that the choice to come to camp is completely unique and personal to each of our families. As always, we appreciate your patience and support as we continue to update this set of best practices.

This plan was prepared using guidance from the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH), Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and the American Camp Association (ACA). **Please note this plan is subject to change as state guidance is modified and will be finalized prior to the start of camp.**

CAMP DATES

- 4 Week Session: July 6th - July 30th
- 3 Week Session: July 12th - July 30th

HEALTH/MEDICAL PROTOCOLS

Before Camp

Unvaccinated campers are required to take a standard PCR test and receive a negative test result within 72 hours of the first day of camp. Documentation of a negative test result will be required. Turnaround time for results can vary from 2 - 7 days depending on where you receive the test. Some suggestions:

- Pediatrician
- Drugstores (CVS, Walgreens, Rite Aid)
- Walk-in clinics (CityMD, Urgent Care)

Please confirm that the test result turnaround will comply with the NJ Department of Health 72 hour requirement. If your camper tests positive, please contact us immediately, and more details about next steps will be provided to your family.

Any camper with pre-existing conditions should consult with their pediatrician before attending camp.

Infection Control & Monitoring

Campers & Families

- Should check the temperature of their camper every morning before coming to camp.
- Per NJDOH, CDC and ACA recommendations campers will wear masks while at camp (except when eating and drinking) and follow proper hand hygiene and social distancing.
- Campers should stay home when feeling unwell.
- Families should report exposure to a Covid-19 positive individual or anyone displaying Covid-19 symptoms to VTC Kids Camp staff. Symptoms include: cough fever, shortness of breath, loss of smell/taste, muscle aches, sore throat, diarrhea, headaches, and fatigue..
- If a camper is exposed to anyone with Covid-19 or Covid-19 like symptoms, the camper will procure a Covid PCR test and self-quarantine until a negative test result is received.
- The camper will be allowed to return to the after providing a documented negative Covid-19 test result.

Faculty & Staff

- Are be fully vaccinated.
- Will complete a health assessment every day before coming to camp.
- Will stay home when feeling unwell.
- Will be subject to and follow all procedures regarding exposure to Covid-19 positive individuals or anyone displaying Covid-19 symptoms applied to campers.

If someone gets sick at camp with Covid-19 symptoms the individual will be separated immediately and moved to an isolated area to await pick up. The individual will not be readmitted to camp until a negative PCR test result is documented and camper families will be notified and given further instructions.

If a positive case is confirmed, VTC will notify state and local health officials as well as staff and families while maintaining confidentiality as mandated by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and further instructions will be provided.

ARRIVAL PROCEDURES

Please arrive at least 10 minutes before camp begins - punctuality is essential in order to properly maintain our safety procedures.

To minimize exposure, campers will be directed into the space by a counselor to ensure proper social distancing. Policies are in place to facilitate safety and ease during this process.

Campers must always wear a face mask. Upon entry into the building, a no-contact health and temperature assessment will be taken, and hand sanitizer available. Any camper with a fever of 100.40 or higher will be sent home. The verbal health screening include the following questions:

- Have you experienced any flu-like symptoms
- Have you travelled internationally or nationally to a COVID-19 hotspot?
- Have you been in close contact with a person who has been diagnosed with or suspected of having COVID-19?

VTC will maintain documentation of campers daily screening. When dropping off campers only one parent/guardian per child is permitted to enter The Vanguard due to limited space. Please wear a mask and remain socially distant.

DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

When picking up campers only one adult per child is permitted due to limited space. Please remember to wear a mask and continue social distancing.

CAMP POLICIES

No visitors will be allowed at VTC Kids Camp this summer.
All campers must wear a face mask while at camp.

There will be no physical contact between students or staff and a social distance between all campers will be preserved.

Campers should pack a brown bag lunch and a snack every day. Campers should pack an extra mask in a ziplock bag should they need to change their mask. All personal items must be stored in a backpack, tote, or string bag, labeled with the campers full name and, with the exception of masks being worn and water bottles, the bag will be stored in a designated area. Personal water bottles are strongly recommended. Personal items should not be shared.

Bathrooms will be designated for one person per use.

Daily Schedule and Programming

While this summer will require some changes to how we do things, we have planned a creative and fun filled full-camp experience. All Covid-19 recommended safety guidelines mandated by the New Jersey Department of Health and CDC will be followed.

Morning

- Morning Meeting to create a sense of community within our ensemble with intro games, casting, staging, & craft activities/workshops
- Learning material from group numbers and later, solos
- Theater games that promote learning of stage directions, acting techniques, and movement
- Play & lunch

Afternoon

- Scene work and acting games
- Crafts - set ideas/scenery and costume illustrations, character portraits
- Character Bio Writing exercises
- Afternoon Dance Party focusing on different theater dance genres

HOUSEKEEPING

Sanitation Procedures

We will be taking extra precautions to make sure that our space is cleaned and sanitized to prevent the spread of infection. We have a surplus of cleaning supplies, including electrostatic sprayers that efficiently sanitize large surface areas in a matter of minutes.

- Hand sanitizer dispensers are available throughout our space and hand washing will be encouraged throughout the day.
- All shared items in will be properly sanitized before and after each use.
- Bathrooms will be cleaned frequently.

STAFF

All staff have received detailed training during training on all of the proper Covid protocols, hygiene, and action plans. This is to ensure that they are able to practice and enforce specific guidelines recommended by the NJDOH, CDC, and ACA. All staff are fully vaccinated.