



Vanguard Theater Company Kids Day Camp COVID-19 Response Plan

Key Points

- We require all staff to be fully vaccinated & boosted;
- We encourage all campers to be fully vaccinated 2 weeks prior to the opening day of camp;
- Unvaccinated campers must complete the *Unvaccinated Waiver Form* prior to the first day of camp;
- We require all staff and campers to provide a documented negative COVID PCR test result within 48 hours prior to arrival;
- We will provide a weekly PCR test for the duration of camp. Those not enrolled in this option are required to provide an over the counter negative rapid antigen test on the first day of each week of camp.

COVID-19 Policies & Procedures

Our COVID Response Plan is designed to create a safe and sheltered environment for our staff and campers. We love our campers, and believe children need camp now more than ever before. Our top priority this summer is to ensure the safety of every single one of our campers and staff. Your campers will be supervised by staff and monitored to maintain COVID safety procedures. Communication from camp staff to parents and guardians will be available and maintained.

This plan was prepared using guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) along with recommendations from the American Camp Association (ACA). These recommendations are constantly evolving, so please note this plan is subject to change as guidance is modified and finalized prior to the start of camp.

Vanguard Theater has been fully gutted and completely renovated. Our air conditioned space boasts a state of the art ventilation system with increased filtration that uses several powerful HEPA air purifiers and an industrial air scrubber that helps to ensure a clean and safe space for our campers. It is cleaned and sanitized regularly.

The CDC recommends everyone 5 years and older should get the Covid-19 vaccine to help protect against the virus. The CDC defines fully vaccinated as a person who has received their primary series of COVID vaccines and recommends that everyone 12 and up should receive a booster shot after their primary vaccination series.

The NJ State Health Department encourages youth camp communities to remain vigilant as the virus remains among us, and to take steps to minimize its impact among camp communities.

People are considered fully vaccinated 2 weeks after their last dose of their vaccination series.

The CDC and State of NJ guidelines no longer require masks and social distancing for those who have been fully vaccinated. Unvaccinated campers are required to complete the UNVACCINATED CAMPER WAIVER FORM. All campers have the option to remain masked, and will receive support if they choose to do so.

Any person with pre-existing conditions should consult with their physicians before attending camp.

VTC has contracted with QDx labs to administer weekly COVID PCR tests on the first day of each week of camp. This test is covered by most insurance plans. If you opt not to take advantage of this service, you must provide a negative rapid antigen test.

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, due to the dynamic nature of this virus, this plan is subject to change as State and Federal guidance is modified.

Heath Protocols

Before Camp

Unvaccinated campers are required to present a documented negative PCR test result within 48 hours or an over the counter negative rapid antigen test within 5 hours of the first day of camp. Vaccinated campers are required to supply proof of vaccination.

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

Campers & Families

- Should check the temperature of their camper every morning before coming to camp
- 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 should procure a Covid PCR test and self-quarantine until a negative test result is received
- The camper will be allowed to return to camp after providing a documented negative Covid-19 test result.

Faculty & Staff

- Are fully vaccinated and boosted.
- 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 a camper gets sick with Covid-19 symptoms they will immediately be moved to a separate area and supervised by a staff member to await pick up. The camper will be readmitted to camp once a negative PCR test or rapid antigen test result is submitted to the camp administrator. All 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 and maintain 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.

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 100.4 or higher will be sent home. The verbal health screening include the following questions:

- Have you experienced any flu-like symptoms
- Have you traveled 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, we encourage parents / guardians to wear a mask and remain socially distant.

Dismissal Procedures

When picking up campers, we encourage parents / guardians to wear a mask and remain socially distant.