



# Calgary Young People's Theatre

## COVID-19 Prevention Measures at Summer Camp

As part of Alberta's relaunch strategy, summer day camps have been given permission to open with a number of restrictions in place. The health and safety of our community and youth is our top priority at CYPT, and so, we have spent the last weeks carefully considering what additional measures and policies we can implement to ensure the safety of our campers. Below you will find a list of the measures we are taking, as well as asking our participants and staff to take during our summer camp months. We have taken our guidance from the **updated June 9th day-camps relaunch guide**, which can be downloaded on the [bizconnect website](#), and we have also taken additional steps recommended for other youth-based services such as daycares. We welcome any feedback you may have.

Please email [admin@cypt.ca](mailto:admin@cypt.ca) to share with us your thoughts or suggestions.

## What will camp be like?

Camp size, final performances, and social distancing.

Longtime CYPT camp kids will know that a week of CYPT camp is fun, silly, energetic, and of course, dramatic! In that manner, this year will be no different. The way camps operate this year WILL be different, but we promise they will still be just as fun and friendly as in the past.

The first big change that you will notice is the number of kids at camp. This year, instead of almost 100 kids at camp, we are capping each week of camp at 40 kids maximum, to allow us to ensure more social distancing and keep safely under the 50 person "cohort" limit. Within that larger camp cohort, campers will be given a smaller group that they will spend the week with, learning skills, rehearsing a play, and having fun. With no more than 4 small groups in the building at once, there is plenty of space for everyone to have their own personal bubble while still interacting and enjoying each other's shared love of acting!

Camp participants will still spend the week acting, improvising, moving, and being just as dramatic as ever, with a few restrictions. This year, we will be **avoiding high-contact theatre activities**, as well as activities that lead to high levels of airborne droplets (like singing and dancing). We'll also be focusing on games and skills and rehearsals that allow for distancing as much as possible. This might feel a bit different, but since CYPT kids are known for their creativity, we have no fear that it will be just as fun as it was in the before-times.

One of the big changes you'll notice is that parents will not be able to come into the building except in emergencies. Check-in and drop-off will take place outdoors where we can maintain social distancing, and we will not be able to offer pre or post-care this year to help us have the time to sanitize the building properly at the beginning and ending of each day. This means parents will have a shorter window in which to pick up their children at 4:00pm (no later than 4:15pm), and we will need to institute a **late-pick-up penalty fee of \$50** to help us make sure that happens. This also means that, unfortunately, parents won't be able to watch the final performances this year, but performers WILL be able to show their piece to other members of the camp, since we are all in the same cohort. We know parents will be sad about this, but hopefully by 2021, we'll be able to invite them back into see just how awesome our young performers are.

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### Keepin' it Clean!

Sanitation, Cleaning, and More

Here at CYPT, we are thinking carefully about how to keep our surfaces squeaky clean and our hands sanitized.

Here are some of the things we are doing to make sure our rehearsal home stays COVID-free.

- You never knew hand-washing could be this theatrical or this much fun. And it's good that it's going to be fun, because we're going to be doing it a LOT and doing it well. **Hands will be washed immediately after check-in, before and after every snack and lunch break, and again at the end of the day.** Don't worry, though, we have some plans for making hand-washing just as dramatic as everything else we are doing.
- **Hand sanitizer stations** will be set up at every entrance and in every rehearsal room to make sure we're extra careful. But feel free to bring your own personal hand sanitizer as well!
- We will keep shared props/toys/writing utensils to a minimum, and disinfect any shared surfaces or objects before and after use. There will be no sharing of food or food-related items, so siblings are requested to bring separate lunches or sign up for our lunch program!
- Every rehearsal room will be thoroughly disinfected at the beginning and end of every day, and any common spaces (though there aren't many) will be regularly disinfected throughout the day. A cleaning log will be kept to ensure it's always finished. Please enjoy this picture of a cleaning log.



(the Cleaning Log)

### Health Precautions

Keeping COVID out and how parents can help

Now of course, there is still a pandemic going on, and we can't forget that, so here are some of the things we (and the Government) need you to help us with to help keep COVID-out.

- **Any child, parent, or staff member who is sick simply cannot attend camp**, even if their symptoms resemble a mild cold. We're going to be extra-super-duper-almost-wildly strict about this!
- Parents will be required to **conduct daily temperature checks** of their child, and confirm that check upon sign-in. Staff will also be required to conduct daily temperature checks of themselves.
- Campers (and their families) **must not travel outside the country or participate in any large group gathering during or in the 14 days before camp.** This includes weddings and funerals.
- We highly encourage all campers and their families to be tested for COVID-19 before attending camp.
- In the event a COVID-19 case connected with a participant or staff member, the entire camp will shut down for a minimum of 72 hours, and will not reopen until deemed safe by Alberta Health.
- Emergency contacts must be available. If a child develops a cough while at camp, they will be quarantined at camp until you can pick them up, which must be done immediately.
- Masks are not required during camp activities, but are allowed of course. Administrative staff will wear masks at check in. We encourage all campers to have a mask in their backpack, just in case, but we also have a stock of disposable masks. Masks can currently be secured for free at Tim Hortons, A&W, and McDonalds.