



Calgary Young People's Theatre

COVID-19 Prevention Measures for Fall Classes

CYPT is offering fall classes! That's right, we're back! After a very successful summer of running in-person camps, we are thrilled to welcome youth ages 4-18 with open arms for our weekly classes from September to December 2020. The health and safety of our community and youth is our top priority at CYPT, and so, we have taken the entire summer to carefully consider and adjust our measures and policies to ensure the safety of our class participants. Below you will find a list of measures we are taking, as well as asking our participants and staff to take for the duration of classes. We have taken our guidance from the **updated August 31st 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 to share with us your thoughts or suggestions

What will class be like?

Camp size, final performances, and social distancing.

Longtime CYPT class kids will know that a class with CYPT is fun, silly, energetic, and of course, dramatic! In that manner, this year will be no different. The way classes operate this year WILL be a little 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 that everything done in class will be tweaked to allow us to ensure as much social distancing as possible with a maximum of 12 children in each class. Your children will spend each two hour class, learning skills, rehearsing a play, and having fun. With no more than 12 children in each class, 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!

Class participants will still spend each class 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.

This year 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 check all participants in at the same time. Our instructors will be using the time before and after each class to sanitize the space properly and so this means parents will have a shorter window in which to drop off and pick up their children each class. It's important to note that if anyone was to arrive late for class, we won't be able to allow them into the building as we require a signature on our weekly health assessment for each participant from a guardian, and cannot have our instructors bouncing back and forth between teaching and signing people in. We will also be instituting a **late-pick-up penalty fee of \$50** to help us make sure that pick up happens on time, as our instructors are able to properly sanitize the space after each class, and this means no participants can be present during that time. As of this moment we are unsure what the fate of our beloved final performances this session is. We are hopeful that we will be able to open our doors to at least one family member, but until closer to the date we will not be able to confirm anything other than the fact your kids will be having a ton of fun!

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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 snack break, and again at the end of the class.** 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 (at least 60% alcohol is recommended) as well!
- We will keep shared props/toys/writing utensils to a minimum, and disinfect any shared surfaces or objects before and after use.
- Every rehearsal room will be thoroughly disinfected at the beginning and end of every class, as well as any common spaces (though there aren't many). 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 class**, 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.
- Class participants (and their families) **must not travel outside the country or participate in any large group gathering during or in the 14 days before class.** This includes weddings and funerals.
- We highly encourage all class participants and their families to be tested for COVID-19 before class begins.
- In the event a COVID-19 case connected with a participant or staff member, all classes 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 in class, they will be quarantined until you can pick them up, which must be done immediately.
- Masks are not required during class activities, but are required to be worn by all parents, participants and staff at check-in and check-out. If your child is unable to wear a mask, please send them with a face shield/alternate face covering in their backpack just in case. This is in accordance to the bylaw exemption for Schools and Daycares.