

TATE ACADEMY

COVID-19 Protocols

Dear Parents and Students,

We at TATE Academy take the Coronavirus very seriously and are closely monitoring the situation. Please be assured that, as always, our first priority is the safety and well-being of our students and faculty. Accordingly, we are taking many steps to ensure that we are fostering a healthy learning environment. If it should become necessary to cancel any class or workshop, tuition will be fully refunded.

HERE ARE THE PROTOCOLS FOR TATE CLASSES:

- The Ellen Theatre has been closed to the public since March 9th, 2020 and will continue to be closed for the foreseeable future. The only people allowed in the building will be staff and students. This will help to reduce exposure to the virus.
- The Ellen staff has disinfected and cleaned the building and will continue to do so. Students will be limited to using only specific areas. In those spaces we will be wiping down all surfaces (including armrests, railings, door handles, sink faucets, etc.) with disinfectant before and after classes.
- All students will have their temperature read with a medical grade no touch thermometer. If a student registers a fever of 100 degrees or more, they will not be allowed to attend class.
- If students are not feeling well, they **MUST** stay home and follow the advice of their health care professionals. This policy applies to the TATE staff as well. Teachers will not come in to work if they are feeling ill.

- When students arrive for class, they will be instructed to wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, and then use provided hand sanitizer. They will also wash before lunch, after lunch, during breaks, and before they leave.
- To minimize the time spent during check-in please ensure your child is ready for the day while still in your vehicle.
- Instead of our usual sign-in sheet, all students will verbally check-in and out of class.
- We will remind students to avoid touching their faces with unwashed hands, and to always cover their mouth and nose properly when they cough or sneeze.
- Students should wear masks when arriving for class and may be required to do so depending upon current state policies and/or local COVID-19 numbers.
- Each student will be assigned his or her own chair in the theatre, with chairs being spaced at least six feet from one another. Only the student assigned to that chair will be using that particular seat. This is to help maintain social distancing during seated activities and breaks.
- Class sizes will be greatly reduced, and social distancing (six feet apart) will be implemented in all classes. We have already adapted our curriculum to incorporate these changes. We are fortunate to be able to hold our classes on the stage of The Ellen Theatre, which is very large, so everyone will be able to spread out.
- All lessons, including theatre games, exercises, scenes, choreography, etc., will be contactless. In addition, there will be no shared props.
- Our larger multi-person restrooms will be off limits and students will only be allowed to use the handicapped bathrooms. This will restrict them to enter one at a time and make it easier for us to disinfect the restrooms.