

## TSNY CHICAGO CORONAVIRUS PHASE V SAFETY PROTOCOLS

The goal of TSNY's coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) safety protocols is to provide an environment that is as safe as possible for both students and staff during Chicago's re-opening. These protocols are designed to minimize risk of transmission of SARS-CoV-2, however given the nature of what we do, we recognize that this risk cannot be eliminated entirely. We also recognize that due to pre-existing conditions or other obstacles, not all students will be able to adhere to these regulations. In the name of public safety, we cannot make exceptions to our policies. While TSNY is always committed to providing an individualized circus experience to all participants, current procedures related to vaccination requirements, physical distancing, and mask wearing will impact our ability to make certain accommodations in our classes. We look forward to a time when all students can return safely to our space.

We may revisit or revise these protocols at any time based on guidance from local, national, and international public health authorities. We will provide up-to-date copies of these protocols on our website and a hard copy is available to read in our front office.

### FACE COVERINGS

1. Staff, students, and guests will be **required to wear face coverings** at all times. Face coverings can only be removed outdoors when they are 6 feet away from all other staff, students, and guests that are not members of their household/group.
2. **Exemption:** Staff, students, and guests/spectators who wish to be exempt from wearing face coverings while instructing, participating in or observing a class may do so by providing proof of vaccination status to the front office.
  - a. Proof of vaccination consists of the following. (Note that name and date(s) of vaccination must be visible).
    - i. Scan or photo of vaccination card or presentation of physical vaccination card.
    - ii. PDF, photo, or print out of vaccination record from medical professional/office.
    - iii. Other proof of vaccination may be accepted on a case-by-case basis with approval of coordinator/management.
  - b. Students and guests/spectators should email [chicago-office@trapezeschool.com](mailto:chicago-office@trapezeschool.com) with their proof of vaccination **no more than 72 hours** prior to their class or bring it with them in person.
  - c. TSNY will record that proof of vaccination was provided in the person's account profile and will then delete the email/record. Proof of vaccination will be valid through the end of the year and/or until a booster or second vaccine is recommended by local public health authorities.
  - d. TSNY will endeavor to record this information for frequent guests/spectators (e.g., parents or partners of regular students), however all guests/spectators

should be prepared to provide proof of vaccination each time they enter the facility.

3. Please note the following times when **masks are required for all persons, regardless of vaccination status**:
  - a. While entering the premises, checking in/out for a class, conducting any transaction with office or photo staff, and/or walking through common areas of the space.
  - b. When in class with someone younger than 12 years old.
  - c. When asked to by a member of staff or management.
4. This exemption is a **privilege and not a right**. Our general guidelines require masking at all times and even persons who may be exempt should be prepared to adhere to our general guidelines upon request. At any time, a student or staff member can request for others to wear a face covering.
5. In addition:
  - a. Staff may ask or remind students who have not provided proof of vaccination status to put on face coverings at any time, but are not required to do so.
  - b. All face coverings must be secure and fitted such that they will not shift positions when upside down or engaging in physical activity and any loose ties must be able to be tucked in.
  - c. TSNY will also have a limited number of masks available to lend to students or staff who do not have approved face coverings.
  - d. Neither staff, students, nor guests/spectators may ask, require, or pressure any person to remove their face covering, except in the case of a person who is deaf or hard of hearing or otherwise relies on lip reading or seeing the lower half of someone's face to communicate.

### **PERSONAL AND EQUIPMENT SANITIZING**

1. Staff and students will be encouraged to use hand sanitizer or hand washing stations often such as upon entering the premises, after trips to the restroom, before each turn on equipment, and before and after adjusting face coverings.
2. Alternatively, to hand sanitizer, staff and students may use liquid chalk containing 45% isopropyl alcohol or rosin containing >55% isopropyl alcohol.
3. All high touch surfaces (trampoline bed, safety mats, tables, computer keyboards, telephones, etc.) should be cleaned with virus inactivating disinfectants at the end of each day.

## **SOCIAL DISTANCING PROCEDURES**

1. TSNY will maximize the use of outdoor space to take advantage of natural factors that reduce transmission of the virus (such as UV light and dispersion).
2. Non-shared equipment will be placed at least the minimum distance apart required by CDC guidelines.
3. TSNY will provide physically distant seating for persons who request it.
4. Hand-spotting may resume without restriction. Instructors should discuss comfort levels surrounding physical contact and masking with each student before spotting.

## **TESTING**

1. TSNY will continue to post prominent signage reminding staff, students, and spectators that anyone who is experiencing COVID symptoms may not enter the space or participate in a class and may receive a full refund.
2. Staff will be required to self-monitor at home each day before going to work. Self-monitoring will include a temperature check and self-assessment for symptoms of coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) including cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, chills, sore throat, loss of taste or smell. Anyone with elevated temperature ( $\geq 100$ ) or symptoms should inform their manager and not report to work. Staff will be asked upon reporting to work if they have self-monitored, and if not they will be asked if they have symptoms and their forehead temperature will be taken with a hand-held non-contact infra-red thermometer.
3. Any student or staff member who tests positive/is presumed positive for COVID-19 and has been on our premises within 14 days of onset of symptoms/receiving a positive test result is requested to notify TSNY.

## **POSITIVE CASE RESPONSE**

4. In the event of a confirmed COVID-19 case has been in our facility, TSNY will:
  - a. Interview the positive individual about the last day they were in the facility, the first day of their symptoms or test date, and the names of the individuals with whom they had close contact per the CDPH guidelines.<sup>5</sup>
  - b. Notify all close contacts identified through the interview or our own contact-tracing procedures and staff of the exposure. The identity of the positive individual will remain confidential as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
  - c. Pause all classes and activities to perform enhanced cleaning and disinfection of our facility and equipment with virus inactivating disinfectant. All cancelled classes will be allowed to reschedule or refunded.

- d. Report to the CDPH through their confidential online reporting form if 2 or more COVID-19 cases are identified within 14 days of each other.
5. If a staff member is exposed to COVID-19:
- a. As long as they remain asymptomatic, they can return to work after quarantining for 10 days from last close contact. Alternatively, if they receive a negative COVID-19 test at least 5 days after last close contact, they can return to work after 7 days from contact. These protocols are from the latest CDC recommendation on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020. If they are unsure when their last close contact was, they should stay home for 14 days and monitor COVID-19 symptoms.<sup>6</sup>
  - b. If they show symptoms or test positive for COVID-19, we do not require a negative COVID-19 test to return to work. Instead, staff members in quarantine can come back to work when 10 days have passed since symptoms started (or since positive test if never had symptoms), they have no fever for 24 hours without medication, and their symptoms are improving. If they are unable to meet these requirements, they should stay home for 14 days and monitor COVID-19 symptoms.<sup>7</sup>
  - c. Fully vaccinated staff members do not need to quarantine as long as they remain asymptomatic. A person is considered “fully vaccinated” when it has been more than 2 weeks since their second dose in a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine series or more than 2 weeks since their first dose is a single-dose COVID-19 vaccine.<sup>7</sup>

## Youth Participation

1. All students, staff, and guests in class with someone younger than 12 years of age will be required to wear face coverings regardless of vaccination status.
2. All participants under 18 will be required to follow all rules applicable to adults including wearing face coverings throughout classes as well as sanitizing before each turn. Anyone who is not able to comply will not be permitted to participate in class and will be refunded.
3. TSNY Chicago will not be running any full day summer camp programs for the summer of 2021.
4. Unless otherwise specified, parents/legal guardians of children younger than 14 are required to remain on site.

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