



EXPERIENCE
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Saskatoon Summer Players

COVID PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES

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Definitions:

- The term “SSP” refers to Saskatoon Summer Players

Purpose:

Saskatoon Summer Players Inc. is committed to ensuring that all who participate in SSP activities can do so in a safe environment within the dynamic context of the Covid-19 pandemic.

General Statement:

The SSP Board reserves the right to suspend and/or cancel a production due to concerns regarding transmission of Covid-19. While the goal is to produce a show of high quality, the safety of all involved takes priority. Rehearsal protocols have been put in place to support these aims, and to demonstrate respect and commitment to SSP members and volunteers.

Responsibility for following recommendations is individual. Commitment to the show means that individuals agree to adhere to recommendations to the best of their ability.

Recommendations have been created with the most recent Covid-19 information available. Adaptation and updating of recommendations may occur during the course of a production.

SSP has designated a Safety Coordinator to coordinate, communicate, and monitor Covid protocols. The Safety Coordinator and the Production Manager are available for any related questions or concerns. In addition, SSP commits to providing materials and supplies in order to support these recommendations, including sanitizer, signage, plexiglass, additional masks, etc.

General Guidelines for All Members and Volunteers

Vaccination

All individuals should be fully vaccinated (2 doses of a Saskatchewan Health approved Covid-19 vaccine), with additional intent or completion of a third booster dose when eligible.

Screening & Self-Isolation

All individuals should practice regular self-screening and self-assessment. This includes:

- Monitoring self for any of the signs or symptoms of Covid-related illness described by Saskatchewan Health
- Making use of at-home rapid tests prior to in-person rehearsals or meetings
- Completing [self-assessment questions](#) prior to in-person rehearsals or meetings (*See attached*).
- Self-isolating if symptomatic, and following Saskatchewan Health recommendations for self-isolation following travel, high risk exposure, etc.
- Communicating with the production team regarding new symptom onset during rehearsals or meetings, leaving the rehearsal or meeting immediately with the intent to self-isolate and contact Saskatchewan Health/811
- Attending rehearsals or meetings virtually if self-isolating or symptomatic
- Signing in at in-person rehearsals and meetings to facilitate communication regarding potential exposures
- Contacting the Production Manager immediately if tested Covid-positive (Rapid or PCR), to facilitate communication to other members regarding potential exposure. Communication to other members will not identify the individual who has tested positive.

Personal Protective Equipment

- All members should wear a well-fitted, high quality mask during all in-person rehearsals or meetings. This includes all group rehearsals, including vocal rehearsals. Exception may be made for orchestra members while actively playing wind instruments. Exception during individual vocal coaching may be possible given adequate additional/alternative PPE (plexiglass, increased distancing) and with the consent of all present.
- Masks should fit the following criteria, and will be available to individuals unable to supply their own.
 - Minimum ASTM Level 1 medical grade
 - ****Note that cloth masks do not meet this criteria.*
 - Best-fit meaning:
 - be large enough to completely and comfortably cover the nose, mouth and chin without gaps and not allow air to escape from the edges
 - fit securely to the head with ties, bands or ear loops
 - be comfortable and not require frequent adjustments
- Individuals should follow general best practices to minimize transmission through surface contact, including frequent hand washing and use of hand sanitizer.
- *NOTE: Given the dynamic nature of the Covid-19 pandemic, a decision re: onstage masking during performances has been deferred until closer to the time of the production.*

Physical Distancing

- Rehearsals and production meetings will be scheduled to minimize the number of individuals physically present. Meetings and rehearsals will be conducted virtually as able, recognizing that in-person rehearsals will be necessary in order to set spacing, vocal balance, etc.
- Physical distancing (2m) should be maintained whenever possible during in-person meetings and rehearsals. This includes on and off stage, in waiting areas and in dressing rooms. Increased distancing may be required within the orchestra.
- Blocking, choreography, production design, and rehearsal scheduling should be approached in ways that recognize physical distancing and cohort minimization.
- Virtual access to in-person rehearsals and meetings will be made available for individuals who are self-isolating.

Additional Guidelines:

- Individuals should eliminate or minimize sharing of personal items, including music equipment (e.g. instruments, drumsticks/mallets, music stands) and rehearsal materials (e.g. sheet music) unless sanitization is possible between uses. Instruments should be cleaned and maintained at home or off site to minimize fluid exposure.
- Individuals should not share food or drink while attending in-person rehearsals or meetings.
- Frequent sanitization of high-touch surfaces including props, etc. will occur under the responsibility of the production/stage management team.
- Microphone use will be individually assigned.
- Individuals may be asked to measure/size themselves for costuming purposes and to supply some basic clothing pieces, in order to minimize contact.
- Individuals may be asked to complete hair/make up at home prior to arrival at performances, according to supplied design tutorials.
- Individuals may be asked to assist with sanitization of personal spaces and equipment such as dressing rooms, orchestra seats & stands, etc.