

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS AND INFORMATION

The safety of our patrons, performers, staff, and volunteers is a top priority. The Staff at the Foundation of Arts has been working with health officials and the Arkansas Department of Health to establish procedures for events at the FOA. As this is an evolving situation, we are working to keep the most up-to-date information regarding the appropriate procedures for our times. The following important procedures and practices are in place to ensure the health and safety of our patrons, staff, volunteers, and performers:

Health and Safety Protocol

- **Face Coverings:** *It is necessary for all patrons, employees, and volunteers to wear face coverings while inside the venue. Only those with health conditions may go without masks inside. If a guest does not have their own, a disposable mask will be provided. Performers and students/teachers engaging in athletic-type activities (like dancing) or arts activities requiring facial expression may be excluded from this expectation, but a 6 foot distance should be attempted if so.*
- **Symptom Self-Screening:** *Do not enter the venue if you have a cough, fever, or any other signs or symptoms of COVID-19 that cannot be attributed to allergies or regularly occurring issues. If you have observable symptoms, you will be refused entry and offered a refund for the full value of your ticket price. If you need help assessing your health, you can download a self-screening COVID-19 questionnaire.*
- **Intake procedures:** *Students, teachers, and volunteers entering regularly will be asked questions regarding their physical health or close contacts, and they will have their temperature checked.*

Cleaning and Sanitization

- **Cleaning:** *The frequency of routine cleaning, sanitization, and disinfection has been increased in all areas, especially all common and high traffic areas and frequently touched surfaces.*
- **Hand Sanitization:** *Additional hand sanitizing stations have been placed throughout the venues, as well as signage for all new procedures and precautions.*

Seating and Physical Distancing

- **Capacity Limits:** *Due to physical distancing between parties in the theatre, capacity for all performances and events will be limited. It may be necessary to reseat patrons or seat patrons from the door to accommodate the required physical distance.*
- **Entrances and Exits:** *Patrons are asked to enter and exit the building expeditiously without lingering in groups.*
- **Restrooms:** *Restroom capacity will be limited.*
- **Common Areas:** *Maintain physical distance from those not in your own party while in shared spaces and be respectful of your proximity to other guests and employees.*

Purchases

- **Ticket Payments:** *We strongly encourage online payments.*
- **Concessions:** *We will offer a limited selection. As always, outside food and beverages are not permitted for patrons.*

Health Tips

- *Engage in respiratory etiquette, including covering up coughs and sneezes and properly disposing of tissues.*
- *Tissues will be made available to guests.*
- *Do not engage in any unnecessary physical contact with people not in your own party.*
- *Wash your hands for 20 seconds or longer..*

By visiting the Forum Theater and Arts Center, each visitor voluntarily assumes all risks related to exposure to COVID-19 and agrees to release the Foundation of Arts and the City of Jonesboro from any liability related to such exposure regardless of any action or inaction by the FOA or another visitor, guest, or employee of the Foundation of Arts. Thank you for supporting the FOA and for helping to keep each other healthy and safe. Please keep in mind any virtual offerings by the FOA. If you aren't aware, just ask!