

SUMMARY OF COVID REHEARSAL PROCEDURES

Summer 2020

In order to keep our actors and team safe during in-person rehearsals, Mainstage has developed a series of rehearsal procedures that have been evolving based on the recommendations of Public Health Ontario and Toronto Public Health, and with reference to health & safety resources from Production Managers of Ontario (PMO). Below is a summary of these procedures.

Before entering in-person rehearsals, our cast must self-monitor and comply with a list of pre-determined safety procedures, equip themselves with PPE, and complete an online assessment (every time they are called). If an actor is ill, they cannot attend rehearsal and can only return after being symptom free for 72 hours or with a negative Covid 19 test. If they receive a positive Covid test, all cast and crew will cease rehearsals and self-monitor for a minimum of 14 days.

Each rehearsal will be held in spaces that have been disinfected and follow our safety requirements. The number of cast members called to each rehearsal reflects the safest capacity that the rehearsal space can accommodate. No one will be admitted to the rehearsal room without a mask, and are asked to wash and sanitize their hands before entering the rehearsal room. Cast and crew will not be admitted to the space until they have been given permission. Cast and crew will maintain physical distance from one another of at least 6 feet at all times. During scenes, physical contact between performers will be avoided whenever possible.

Mainstage Theatre Company is aware of the health and safety risks that are present in returning to in-person rehearsals, and is taking the utmost precaution to maintain the health and safety of our cast and crew through developing and carrying out this series of evolving safety protocols. If at any point, recommendations change, these protocols will be updated and carried out, including a pause of our in-person physically distanced rehearsals. The well-being of our community remains our top priority.