



# DRAMA KIDS OF THE CAPITAL REGION

## RETURN TO CLASS PROTOCOL - as of 1/20/2022

All information is subject to change based on updated guidance from the NYS/Albany County Department of Health and/or the Centers for Disease Control, updated as of 1/4/2022, 1/10/2022, 1/13/22, 1/14/22 & 1/18/22.

### **FOR ALL STUDENTS- REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS**

#### For **ALL** Students Who Test Positive for COVID:

- Isolation period of five (5) days and may return on day six (6) under the following conditions:
  - Must be asymptomatic OR have mild symptoms,
    - No fever within 72 hours, without fever-reducing medication
    - Symptoms (if any) are improving
    - No runny nose
    - No disruptive cough
  - Must not be immunocompromised
  - Must stay at home and follow all isolation protocols when not at school
    - Practice social distancing
    - Greater distancing when eating with others during the 10 day period
    - Self-monitor for symptoms
    - Wear a mask at home and isolate from other family members
  - Upon return to school, your child must wear well-fitting, disposable, non-woven mask or N-95

#### For **ALL** Students Who Have COVID-like Symptoms:

If your child has **NO KNOWN CONTACT** with someone who has been diagnosed with COVID:

Your child may return to Drama Kids class when:

- They've stayed home from school for five (5) days OR get a negative test result with a rapid test at the end of day two (2) with day zero being the date of symptom onset
- All symptoms are improving
- your child has been fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication
- No runny nose
- No disruptive cough

**PLEASE NOTE:** *If your child uses a rapid test and the results are POSITIVE, you must take a picture of the test and the box the test came in. You will need to "self-report" the positive test result to your local Department of Health, along with the pictures. You will also need to notify your child's school district right away.*

Albany County: <https://forms.albanycounty.com/Forms/dcu8G>

If your child has **A KNOWN CONTACT** with someone who has been diagnosed with COVID:

Your child may return to Drama Kids class when:

- your child has completed a five (5) day quarantine period, based on date of exposure
- your child gets a rapid test on day 5 and receives a negative result
- All symptoms are improving
- your child has been fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication
- No runny nose
- No disruptive cough

**For ALL Students who have COVID-like symptoms and receive a laboratory confirmed alternate diagnosis:**

- Obtain a written diagnosis from the healthcare provider for a laboratory confirmed acute illness (ex: laboratory-confirmed influenza, strep-throat, etc.).
- The healthcare provider must indicate that COVID is not suspected.
- The note from the **healthcare provider must detail the alternate diagnosis as well as a release to return to school.**
  - Note: a signed note from a health care provider documenting an unconfirmed acute illness, such as a viral upper respiratory illness or viral gastroenteritis, will not suffice.

**For ALL Students who have a pre-existing condition that presents itself with COVID-like symptoms (runny nose, cough, etc.)**

- Obtain a written diagnosis from the healthcare provider of a known chronic condition with unchanged symptoms.
- The note from the **healthcare provider must detail the pre-existing condition, along with all-related symptoms, and must indicate that COVID is not suspected.**

**For ALL Students who present with COVID-like symptoms and have tested positive for COVID within the last 90 days:**

Your child must remain out of Drama Kids class until:

- All symptoms are improving
- Individual has been fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication
- If symptoms are not improving, individual should contact a medical provider for guidance
- your child DOES NOT need a negative COVID test to return

**FOR FULLY VACCINATED Students ONLY**

*Fully vaccinated is defined as fourteen (14) days post 2nd shot of Pfizer or Moderna OR single shot of Johnson & Johnson.*

**For Fully Vaccinated Students Who Have A COVID Exposure and Do Not Have Symptoms:**

- No quarantine period required, unless the individual becomes symptomatic
- Your child should wear a [well-fitting mask](#) around others for 10 days from the date of your child's last close contact with someone with COVID-19 (the date of last close contact is considered day 0).
- Get tested at least 5 days after your child last had close contact with someone with COVID-19
- Monitor personal health. If symptoms appear, follow appropriate protocols

**FOR UNVACCINATED OR PARTIALLY VACCINATED STUDENTS ONLY**

**For Unvaccinated or Partially Vaccinated Students Who Have A COVID Exposure and Do Not Have Symptoms:**

- Individual must quarantine for five (5) days from date of exposure
- Your child should wear a [well-fitting mask](#) around others for 10 days from the date of your child's last close contact with someone with COVID-19 (the date of last close contact is considered day 0).
- Testing is recommended (either Rapid or PCR) at least 5 days after your child last had close contact with someone with COVID-19.
- Monitor personal health. If symptoms appear, follow appropriate protocols

<https://www.albanycounty.com/departments/health/coronavirus-covid-19/isolation-quarantine>