

We are so excited to welcome Riotous Youth participants and their families to Shakespeare & Company this Summer 2025. As we joyfully and carefully plan for our summer season, we are prioritizing the health and safety of everyone in our community, including our students and their families, plus all of the actors, teaching artists, designers, technicians, and administrative staff with whom we share the Shakespeare & Company property over the summer. We ask that as a part of this community, Riotous Youth participants and their families adhere to the following health and wellness guidelines at all times.

- If your child is experiencing any of the following symptoms at home or after their arrival at Riotous Youth, they should remain home: fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting. We will ask that the student remain at home until a negative COVID-19 test result is confirmed, the student has been without a fever for 24 hours, **and/or** appropriate quarantine time completed in accordance with state and local guidelines.
- Please keep your child at home and notify us immediately if you believe they might have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.
- Mask-wearing will remain optional for all participants when indoors and outdoors. Mask-wearing indoors will be **encouraged** for any participant who is returning to Riotous Youth after an absence due to sickness, and/or the student is experiencing symptoms such as persistent cough, heavy congestion or runny nose, headache.
- Participants will not be allowed to share food or beverages, and each should bring their own reusable water bottle.
- Participants will be encouraged to practice regular hand hygiene by washing hands or visiting our sanitation stations frequently throughout the day.

In order to protect everyone's health and safety, Shakespeare & Company and the Riotous Youth program will be taking the following precautions this summer:

- All faculty and staff will have been fully vaccinated and boosted against COVID-19 by the start of the program.
- All indoor rehearsal spaces, lunch spaces, and restrooms are thoroughly cleaned and disinfected on a daily basis.
- We will provide backup masks for participants who need them.
- Should a student need to remain at home due to quarantine, illness, or waiting for a COVID-19 test result, we will work with you to provide any necessary materials for your child to have at home.
- At Riotous Youth, we are committed to fostering safe spaces in which our students can play. At the start of each session, we spend time as a group co-creating a code of conduct that addresses boundaries and supports communication amongst all members of the ensemble in order to prioritize everyone's safety.
- Our goal is to communicate with you diligently throughout the course of the summer. If you or your child is experiencing a safety (or other) issue, we ask that you please speak to one of your child's teachers or Riotous Youth Programs Manager Caitlin Kraft. You can reach Caitlin at (413) 637-1199 ext. 132, or by emailing [**ckraft@shakespeare.org**](mailto:ckraft@shakespeare.org).

As conditions of the global pandemic are ever-evolving, these guidelines are subject to change and will be updated accordingly. These guidelines are consistent with and/or exceed current Board of Health and State Orders, and we may continue to establish stricter policies based on local conditions and Actors' Equity Association guidelines. We thank you for your patience, communication, and cooperation. We are looking forward to welcoming you this summer!