



COVID PROTOCOLS & PRACTICES (Updated January 26, 2023) For Staff and Volunteers

We are profoundly grateful for your patience and generous support as we continue to navigate the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. The safety of our patrons, staff, artists, and volunteers is our top priority. With this in mind OCT strongly recommends:

- Wearing a well-fitted approved mask (N95s or KN95s) for all OCT-related functions.
- Vaccination and up-to-date boosters per CDC vaccination guidelines.

We all are very aware of the potential spread of COVID-19 that could result in severe illness and potential death. Therefore, OCT and our community, at large, depend on our patrons, volunteers and staff to:

- Strive to the best of their ability to practice proper social distancing throughout their daily lives as recommended by CDC and state health department directives.
- Practice good hygiene (handwashing, use of hand sanitizer, wearing an approved mask when required, etc.) and follow other health organization recommendations.
- Self-report immediately any illness by contacting OCT regarding any symptoms and test results while engaged in OCT related functions.
- Immediately respond to any and all exposure or suspected exposure to COVID-19 with proper testing, medical attention and self-quarantining.
- Adhere to the following testing and self-care guidelines:
 - Test immediately upon suspicion of any and all symptomologies.
 - Report results immediately, negative or positive.
 - For staff, please report directly to both Rosie Miller, Business & Development Director and Greg Thompson, Producing Artistic Director.
 - For volunteers, please report results directly to Craig James, Volunteer Coordinator.
 - For cast/crew, please report results to the production's stage manager and to Craig James, Volunteer Coordinator.
 - If the test is negative, you may return to your volunteer or staff position and continue, following good hygiene practices.
 - If the test is positive:
 - 1) Stay home and separate from others for at least 5 days. (You are likely most infectious during these first 5 days.)
 - 2) Wear an approved mask if you must be around others at home or in public.
 - 3) Monitor your symptoms and work with your healthcare provider to manage your recovery.

If you tested positive and had no symptoms: You may end isolation after day 5, but you will need to wear an approved mask for an additional 5 days while participating in any and all OCT-affiliated functions.

If you tested positive and had symptoms and

- Your symptoms are showing demonstrable improvement and
- You are fever-free for 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication) and
- You can provide a **negative COVID test**,

You may end your quarantine and return to any and all OCT-affiliated functions provided you wear an approved mask for an additional 5 days while participating in such functions.

Regardless of when you end isolation, until at least day 11:

- Avoid being around people who are more likely to get very sick from COVID-19.
- Remember to wear a high-quality mask when indoors around others at home and in public.

- Try to avoid places where you are unable to wear a mask until you are able to discontinue masking.

AND

- If you have access to antigen tests, you should consider using them. With two sequential negative tests 48 hours apart, you may remove your mask sooner than day 10.

Note: If your antigen test results are positive, you may still be infectious. You should continue to isolate and wear a mask and wait at least 48 hours before taking another test. Continue taking antigen tests at least 48 hours apart until you have two sequential negative results. This may mean you need to continue wearing a mask and test beyond day 10.

Regardless of vaccination status or OCT policies, you should **isolate from others when you have COVID-19**.

- OCT acknowledges the 5 exemptions provided under Florida Law. And we will continue to closely monitor local, state, and federal policies regarding indoor activities and plan our safety protocols accordingly. As always, protocols may be revised at any time based on best practices and evolving circumstances.



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For Patrons

We are profoundly grateful for your patience and generous support as we continue to navigate the difficult waters of the COVID-19 pandemic. The safety of our patrons, artists, volunteers, and staff is our top priority.

Based on current CDC recommendations and industry best practices, we encourage our patrons to mask while attending OCT performances and events. We also acknowledge and respect the right of our patrons to choose whether or not to mask, accordingly.

Please do not attend performances or events if you are experiencing possible COVID symptoms. If OCT cancels an individual performance, the patron may either (1) reschedule to another performance, (2) donate the tickets back to OCT, or (3) receive a gift certificate for the value of the tickets. Our Box Office staff are always happy to assist with rescheduling, donations, gift certificates, etc. You may reach the Box Office at 352.236.2274. Tickets are non-refundable.

Thank you again for your patience and support, and we look forward to welcoming you to the theatre.

- OCT will continue to closely monitor local, state, and federal policies regarding indoor activities and plan our safety protocols accordingly. The protocols and guidelines listed above are subject to change and exceptions at OCT's discretion without prior notice, based upon new information and guidance regarding COVID-19.