

Friendswood High School Theatre
FHS Fine Arts
Thespian Troupe 1084
2020 - 21 Guidelines

**FHS THEATRE re-opening procedures will be using guidelines from the
International Thespian, Educational Theatre Association – July 2020**

“Regarding staged productions in general: multiple research studies have detailed profound concerns over the transmission of the virus through respiratory droplets produced through speech, either spoken or sung, in close quarter environments.” *EDTA/ Thespian Issued July 2020*

“When it is not possible to mount in-person performance with your students, we strongly recommend that you create virtual theatre productions. In the months following the outbreak of COVID-19.” *EDTA/ Thespian Issued July 2020*

“ Eventually you will be able to resume live, onstage productions. Much of what is offered in this guide regarding traditional, live theatre production addresses different steps that you can take to increase the safety of your students, self, and the audience in the COVID-19 era, along with the tools and resources necessary to do so. *EDTA/ Thespian Issued July 2020*

FHS THEATRE Social Distance Safety and Guidelines

All FISH guidelines will be followed extracurricular, after school guidelines for Thespian Meetings, Auditions, Rehearsal and Performances. * **subject to change to comply with FISH, Local and Tea/UIL mandates.**

Adhere to social distancing (6 feet between actors, technicians and students.

***** All students** are requested to wear face-masks and a **face-shield** in vocal performance and rehearsals. (When distance is less than 6 feet)

Provide a hand-washing station and have hand sanitizer readily available in the dressing rooms, green rooms, backstage and all other production areas.

Everyone should wear a mask and or a face shield as and per FISH district guidelines.

Students will be encouraged to bring their own and labeled water bottle.

Wipe down or spray all surfaces – chairs, set pieces, props, computers with FISH approved district disinfectants.

FHS THEATRE will not allow SHARING of:

Microphones

Makeup

Wigs

Costume - FHS will launder and disinfect (FHS to purchase Washer/Dryer)

Scripts

Tech supplies: Headsets

Tech supplies: Computers

Tech supplies: Tools
Scripts

- **Rehearsal and backstage:**

- • Masks should be worn at all times by all students, and teachers the backstage area;
- • **Sanitize** all technical hardware--microphones/headsets, sound and light boards, lights, and rigging before and after the performance or rehearsals, **per manufacturer instruction.**
- • **Sanitize** all surfaces in the control booth, using CDC-approved disinfectants.
- • **Limit the number** of students in the control booth, based on social distancing rules.
- **Stagger** restroom breaks

Large cast rehearsals will be in the mall to accommodate the social distancing rule and minimize the clustering of students.

Ask students to err on the side of caution—if a student says they do not feel well, send them home and follow FIDS district procedures regarding contact tracing and follow up procedures.

Avoid unnecessary touching, movement or singing that might increase the transmission of aerosol droplets.

Provide scripts for each student—ideally digitally—that honor copyright restrictions.

Stagger breaks for restroom and water.

Conduct technical rehearsals with the minimal number of students possible and adhere to social distancing for both performers and technicians throughout.

Live Performance

Onstage, live theatrical performance can remain a central part of our high school theatre program **when** and as long as it can be produced safely with students working in all capacities—onstage, backstage, and front of house—and such that parents, other students and staff, and the community at large can enjoy these performances with minimum risk.