



# **Policies and Participation Contract**

## *Spring 2022*

### **COVID-19 Liability and Release in the Event of In-Person Instruction or Performance**

In consideration of being allowed to participate in Haven Academy of the Arts and related events and activities, the undersigned acknowledges, appreciates, and agrees that:

1. Participation includes possible exposure to and illness from infectious diseases including but not limited to MRSA, influenza, and COVID-19. While particular rules and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious illness and death does exist.
2. I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation as regards protection against infectious diseases. If, however, I observe any unusual or significant hazard during my child's presence or participation, I will remove my child from participation and bring such to the attention of Haven Academy of the Arts staff.

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The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is thought to spread mainly through close contact from person to person, including between people who are physically near each other (within about 6 feet). People who are infected but do not show symptoms can also spread the virus to others. Cases of reinfection with COVID-19 have been reported but are rare. We are still learning about how the virus spreads and the severity of illness it causes. Evidence has shown that COVID-19 can cause serious and potentially life-threatening illness and even death.

Haven Academy of the Arts cannot prevent you or your child from becoming exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID-19 while participating in its programming. It is not possible to prevent against the presence of the disease. Therefore, if you or your child choose to participate in Haven Academy of the Arts programming, you may be exposing yourself/your child to and/or increasing your risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19.

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\_\_\_ I understand that Haven Academy of the Arts has taken all customary and economically reasonable safety and business measures to mitigate and create a safe environment for my participation in its programming. As anywhere I or my child would be present outside of my home, I understand the risks involved in on-site participation as it relates to possible exposure to COVID-19.

\_\_\_ I understand that if I see someone not abiding by the protocols and safety measures put in place, I will say something either directly to them or report it to Haven staff immediately.

\_\_\_ I acknowledge that EACH day my child participates in the program they are symptom free of the following list of symptoms related to COVID-19 as defined by the CDC: fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, recent loss of taste or smell, headaches, muscle pain, sore throat, nausea and/or vomiting.

\_\_\_ I also acknowledge that Haven Academy of the Arts may ask my child to leave rehearsal at any time should a Haven Academy of the Arts representative notice, or be advised of by another program participant, any of these symptoms, and ask my child to return home.



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\_\_\_ Should my child or anyone in my family test positive for COVID-19 or be in direct contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, I commit to informing Haven staff as soon as possible and keeping my child home from in-person rehearsals for 10 days, as is recommended by the CDC guidelines I understand that if my child is fully vaccinated they may not need to quarantine, but should still contact Haven Academy for instructions if exposed.

\_\_\_ Additionally, I agree that if my child develops potential COVID-19 symptoms (fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, recent loss of taste or smell, headaches, muscle pain, sore throat, nausea and/or vomiting.) while in the program, I will keep my child home from rehearsal and notify Haven staff immediately for instructions on returning after an illness.

\_\_\_ I understand that if my child or someone in my household exhibits COVID-19 symptoms, tests positive for COVID-19, or is exposed to COVID-19, that we will be required to submit a negative PCR COVID-19 test before returning to rehearsal. I also understand the test does not take the place of the required 10-day quarantine.

\_\_\_ I also understand Haven Academy of the Arts' obligations to report any known cases of COVID-19 to other program participants, staff, partner programs who may be at risk or exposure. Information on the specific identify of the individual will be kept confidential and shared only on a need-to-know basis and Haven Academy of the Arts will only share information about when the participant was potentially exposed.

I acknowledge that I have carefully read this document and understand the information therein. I agree to each and all of the terms and acknowledgments above and agree to participate in Haven Academy of the Arts programming.

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X \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent Signature)

ASSUMPTION OF RISK: I have read and understood the above warning concerning COVID-19. I hereby choose to accept the risk of myself or my child contracting COVID-19 in order to participate. These services are of such value to me that I accept the risk of being exposed to, contracting, and/or spreading COVID-19 in order to participate in Haven Academy of the Arts programming. rather than arranging for an alternative method of participating in the program virtually (e.g., video conference).

X \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent Signature)



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### Keeping Haven Safe: COVID-19 In-Person Protocols Commitment

Haven Academy of the Arts is closely following the Los Angeles County and CDC guidelines. Please note that protocols are subject to change based on current guidelines. Please take a moment to read our new COVID-19 policies. All policies exist for the safety of our students and staff.

#### Parents and Students

- The determination for in-person vs. virtual rehearsals/performances is entirely dependent upon government regulations, and health factors of cast members involved. Haven Staff is not responsible for government regulations limiting in-person instruction. We respectfully request our participating Haven families be flexible in understanding that all or some rehearsals may transition to virtual at any time.
- **Parents are required to keep their child home from in-person rehearsal if they exhibit any of the following:** fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, recent loss of taste or smell, headaches, muscle pain, sore throat, nausea and/or vomiting. This is a no tolerance policy. Please help us keep our casts and staff safe and healthy!

#### Parents

- Only students are permitted at rehearsals – absolutely no parents, visitors or siblings.
- Student drop-off is at the front of the rehearsal site, outside; please be on time and no more than 5 minutes early.
- Payments for tuition and any additional transactions must be done on-line unless specifically approved by a Haven staff member.
- End of rehearsal is **very important**; you **must be on time** to pick up your child. You will meet your child at the front of the rehearsal site, outside.
- **COVID Performance Testing Protocol:** This Spring, our goal– government permitting– is to continue performing for a live audience. Students who wish to perform without a mask may be required to take a COVID-19 test or submit proof of vaccination prior to the performances. If there is any expense involved with the test, the family of the student is responsible for the cost.

Parents, please go over the list of instructions and make sure you and your children understand how important these rules are. Anyone not able or willing to follow Haven’s COVID policies will be removed from the production and/or class with no refund offered.



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**Students**

- Follow all directions from teachers and staff.
- Everyone must follow current Haven masking guidelines AT ALL TIMES. (Guidelines to be determined based on current recommendations for Los Angeles County and CDC)
- Bring your own water bottle as water fountains are not available.
- Students should bring one small backpack with their script, pencil, cell phone (off or on silent), snack, and water bottle only. Additional bags or personal items are not permitted.
- Arrive ready to rehearse – there will be no place to change into rehearsal attire, and bathrooms are to be used for biological needs only.
- Students are not permitted at the rehearsal site before or after rehearsal. Please arrive and leave promptly.

**As a parent, I have read and understand Haven’s In-Person Instruction COVID-19 Policies**

X \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent Signature)

**As a cast member, I have read and understood Haven’s In-Person Instruction COVID-19 Policies**

X \_\_\_\_\_  
(Cast Member Signature)