



SCIENCE BASED REOPENING PLAN

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REOPENING THE IVORYTON PLAYHOUSE: A PLAN WITH SCIENCE-BASED SAFETY MEASURES

After an on-site consultation with Sten Vermund, MD, PhD, Dean, Yale School of Public Health, the Ivoryton Playhouse will take the following steps to ensure the safety and health of our audience, staff and volunteers assuming capacity will be reduced from 270 to 92 (56 in orchestra and 36 in balcony):

Implement a “Statement of COVID citizenship”: by purchasing a ticket you agree to adhere to Playhouse procedures to wear masks, practice social distancing and accept risk. There will be signage in the theatre to remind people to maximize adherence to guidelines.

No printed Playbills – PDF file will be available in advance or QR code download at the theatre.

Masks must be worn by patrons at all times.

Sanitation supplies including hand sanitizer and wipes will be readily available. Easy to read and understand signage will direct patrons to supplies.

We are upgrading our HVAC system to include 40% outdoor air (OA). In addition, four REME HALO in-duct air purifiers have been installed. These units are the next generation of indoor air quality (IAQ) technology capable of purifying every cubic inch of air that our air conditioning system reaches. Invented to recreate nature’s process of purifying the air, these units are effective in reducing all three categories of indoor air pollutants: particulates, microbial and gases.

Cast, crew, staff and volunteers will be monitored for illness including temperatures taken before each performance. Volunteers and staff to wear masks and gloves at all times.

Pre-performance:

All five exterior doors open 2 hours before performance to allow for maximum air flow

Box Office operation – maximize ticket delivery to patrons before show to eliminate picking up tickets at the box office window. If ticket pick up is necessary, an outdoor pick up area will be created. Tickets will not be collected by ushers at entrance doors

Patron flow to include three entrances into the building. People standing and gathering in groups will be discouraged. Social distancing markings will be in place at entrances

Social distancing markings will be in place for lines to bathrooms. Exhaust fans in both bathrooms will be on at all times.

During performance:

It is mandatory for patrons wear masks at all times when in the building

At least for the first few productions, there will be no intermission. Shows will run between 75-90 minutes. No concessions will be sold

After-performance:

All five exterior doors open after performance. Patron flow will include five exits out of the building

Electrostatic disinfectant sprayer to sanitize seats

To ensure the health and safety of Ivoryton Playhouse patrons, actors, staff and volunteers, the following cleaning procedures will take place before and after every performance. All products used to clean are EPA registered disinfectants for use on pathogens like SARS-CoV-2, the novel human coronavirus that causes COVID-19.

CLEANING PRODUCTS: CaviCide™ 70 % Isopropyl Alcohol, Lysol Laundry Sanitizer, 70% Isopropyl Alcohol Prep Pads

LOBBY/ENTRANCE INTO THE THEATRE: All door knobs/handles, tables, countertops and any other surface that has had the potential to have been touched by the public, will be sprayed with CaviCide™ and left on for 2 minutes before wiping off in accordance with instructions mandated by the product to accurately disinfect and defend against COVID-19. Trash will be emptied. Lobby will be vacuumed.

RESTROOMS (THEATRE AND BACKSTAGE): All surfaces in the bathroom including toilet handles, toilet seat, faucet handles, and door handles will be sprayed with CaviCide™ and left on for 2 minutes before wiping in accordance with instructions mandated by the product to accurately disinfect and defend against COVID-19. Trash will be emptied. Floor will be mopped.

THEATRE AUDITORIUM: All door handles, and any other surface that has had the potential to have been touched by the public, will be sprayed with CaviCide™ and left on for 2 minutes before wiping off in accordance with instructions mandated by the product to accurately disinfect and defend against COVID-19. Fabric of each chair will be sprayed with 70% Isopropyl Alcohol to effectively kill coronavirus.

STAGE and STAGE WINGS: Stage will be mopped with a Water and 70% Isopropyl Alcohol solution. Curtains in wings will be sprayed with 70% Isopropyl Alcohol. All railings that lead to back stage will be disinfected with CaviCide™ and left on for 2 minutes before wiping off.

DRESSING ROOMS: All actors' stations will be sprayed with CaviCide™ and left on for 2 minutes before wiping off. All railings & door knobs/handles will be sprayed with CaviCide™ and left on for 2 minutes before wiping off. Chairs will be sanitized by using CaviCide™ on metal parts and 70% Isopropyl Alcohol on Fabric parts. Trash will be emptied.

SETS AND PROPS: Any set pieces and props that have been touched during the performance will be wiped with 70% Isopropyl Alcohol.

COSTUMES: Costumes will be sprayed with Isopropyl Alcohol Solution as well as Vodka Spray after each performance. Costumes pieces able to be laundered, will be washed in Lysol Laundry Sanitizer after every two shows.

SOUND/LIGHT BOOTH: Microphones will be wiped with an Isopropyl Alcohol Prep Pad after every performance. Sound & Light board/anything touched by operator will be wiped down and disinfected with 70% Isopropyl Alcohol.

Appendix A – Resources for finding more information about COVID-19

General:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): Coronavirus (COVID-19)
www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV

Businesses

CDC: Resources for businesses and employers –
www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/businesses-employers.html

CDC: General business frequently asked questions –
www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/general-business-faq.html

Handwashing etiquette:

Handwashing video translated into multiple languages –
www.youtube.com/watch?v=LdQuPGVcceg

Respiratory etiquette: Cover your cough or sneeze

www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html

CDC: www.cdc.gov/healthywater/hygiene/etiquette/coughing_sneezing.html

Disinfecting:

www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html

www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/disinfecting-your-home.html

www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/cleaning-disinfection.html

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA): www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2

Employees exhibiting signs and symptoms of COVID-19:

www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html

Federal OSHA:

www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3990.pdf

Resources in Connecticut:

<https://portal.ct.gov/coronavirus>

<https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/Covid-19-Knowledge-Base/Latest-COVID-19-Guidance>

Have Questions about Coronavirus in Connecticut?

Call CT Virtual Assistant: (833) 250 7633

Call the 2-1-1 Connecticut Hotline

For guests who are deaf or hard of hearing, relay services are available at 7-1-1

Toll-free number: (800) 203 1234

CT Virtual Assistant and 2-1-1 info hotline are available 24-hours a day, 7 days a week