

We are so excited to welcome Riotous Youth participants and their families to Shakespeare & Company this summer. 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, their families, and all of the actors, teaching artists, designers, technicians and administrative staff who will be on Shakespeare & Company property this summer. We ask that as a part of this community, Riotous Youth participants and their families adhere to the following safety guidelines at all times.

In order to protect everyone's health and safety, the Riotous Youth program participants are required to take the following precautions this summer:

- All Riotous Youth and Riotous Company participants that are vaccine eligible, must have completed a full COVID-19 vaccine regimen by the start date of the program.
- Participants are required to wear clean masks when they are inside. These cover your mouth and nose; fit snugly against the sides of your face; be a surgical mask, multi ply cloth mask, or an N95 or KN95. Masks shall not have an exhalation valve or be constructed of a single layer of fabric. Gaiters, scarves, and buffs are not a substitute for a multi-layer mask. Participants should come prepared with at least two clean masks every day.
- Participants will not be required to wear a mask when they are outside and can maintain physical distancing. They are welcome to wear a mask at any time while outside if they so choose. We reserve the right to ask participants to wear masks in instances where we deem it necessary.
- In accordance with Shakespeare & Company COVID guidelines, parents/guardians who are visiting property will be required to wear a clean mask at all times indoors or anytime they are not able to maintain social distancing outdoors, regardless of vaccination status. Clean masks will be required to be worn by all audience members, regardless of vaccination status, at all Riotous Youth performances.
- Participants will not be allowed to share food or beverages, and each should bring their own reusable water bottle.
- 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. In this event, we will ask that the student remain at home until a negative test result is confirmed 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.
- Participants will be encouraged to practice physical distancing when possible, by keeping three to six feet between themselves and others.
- Participants will be encouraged to practice regular hand hygiene by washing hands or visiting our sanitation stations frequently throughout the day.
- If you do not adhere to these guidelines to aid us in maintaining a safe environment, we reserve the right to remove your child from Riotous Youth or to have you removed from the premises. We thank you for your cooperation as we work to ensure a safe experience for everyone in our community.

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

- All faculty and staff will have been fully vaccinated and boosted by the start of the program.
- All faculty and staff will be tested weekly throughout the program.
- All faculty and staff will wear clean masks while inside; faculty and staff will not be required to wear masks outside but are welcome to do so if they would like.
- We have restricted our participant numbers to make smaller "pods" this summer. As much as possible, participants will spend the day with their session pod and not mix with other groups. This includes during snack and lunchtime.
- All Riotous Youth sessions will be spending significant parts of the day outside. We will provide water and stick to tented areas whenever possible. That said, weather in the Berkshires is fickle and students should be prepared to be inside on any given day.
- 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 cocreating 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 Director Caitlin Kraft. You can reach Caitlin at (203) 731 4047 or by emailing riotousyouthshakespeare@gmail.com.

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!