

ACT: 2020-2021 Student Waiver

Signed waiver and completed supplemental questions are REQUIRED before students may attend any class at Asheville Community Theatre. Students must inform ACT of any changes to important information.

Dear Students,

Asheville Community Theatre is a North Carolina nonprofit corporation which provides entertainment, enrichment, and education through the practice and celebration of the theatre arts. Adult classes and programs are a vibrant and important part of the educational mission of this organization. ACT takes every measure to create and preserve a fun, safe atmosphere during all classes. Please read the following form carefully and review classroom rules and behavioral expectations before the first day of class.

When participating in in-person and/or virtual classes and programs, students must abide by the rules, guidelines, and policies put in place by Asheville Community Theatre and its staff and instructors. If a student has questions or concerns regarding any policies or decisions made by any representative of ACT, the student should bring them promptly and specifically to the attention of ACT's Education Director.

Accident and Injury Liability

As a participant in ACT classes, students and their families release Asheville Community Theatre from any risk or liability associated with the activities of in-person and/or virtual programming. Students understand and acknowledge the risk of participating in ACT classes and programming and will not hold Asheville Community Theatre liable in case of accident or injury as a result of participation.

Students hereby authorize Asheville Community Theatre, through its staff and instructors, to do any acts which may be necessary or proper to provide emergency health care to any student in the event that said student is unresponsive and/or said student's emergency contact cannot be reached. Acts may include, but may not be limited to, the consent to and authorization of medical procedures by physicians, dentists, hospitals, or other emergency medical personnel, as ACT staff and instructors, in the exercise of their sole discretion, may deem necessary. By signing this waiver, students understand and acknowledge that they are responsible for all costs and expenses of such emergency medical treatment.

Students hereby release and agree to hold Asheville Community Theatre harmless from and waive on behalf of the student, the student's family, and any personal representatives, any and all causes of action, claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses, and compensation for damage or loss to student or personal property that may be caused by any act or failure to act by the theatre, or that may otherwise arise in any way in connection with services received from or gatherings attended at Asheville Community Theatre. By signing this waiver, students understand that this release discharges Asheville Community Theatre from any liability or claim that the student, the student's family, or any personal representatives may have against the theatre with respect to any bodily injury, illness, death, medical treatment, or property damage that may arise from, or in connection to, any time spent at Asheville Community Theatre. This liability waiver and release extends to Asheville Community Theatre and all individuals involved in any ACT gatherings or rentals, including, but not limited to, performances, classes, and rehearsals.

Behavior and Social Distancing

Students taking classes through Asheville Community Theatre shall:

- **BE PROMPT.** Class times vary for each program. Students agree to arrive no earlier than 15 minutes before class begins, and to depart ACT property and grounds promptly after the class ends.
- **REMAIN WITHIN ACT-DESIGNATED AREAS DURING CLASS.** All students shall stay in designated class areas during the lesson, or in any areas approved by ACT staff or class instructor.
- **WEAR A MASK.** Masks must be worn at all times while in class and while on ACT property, unless in a car. Masks must cover the mouth and nose at all times. If a student does not have a mask, one will be provided for them. Masks are required even if the student is vaccinated.
- **PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING.** Students and instructors must follow the recommended 6-foot social distancing guidelines while in class. Students must adhere to any building or foot traffic policies to limit physical contact with others and reduce surface contamination.
- **NOT SHARE FOOD OR DRINKS.** Sharing food and drink does not follow social distancing guidelines and is prohibited. In addition, students may have known or unknown allergies that could be triggered by shared food.
- **MAINTAIN EXPECTED STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOR.** Abuse of illegal drugs or substances is strictly prohibited while participating in ACT programs, both on and off theatre grounds. Physical, verbal, and/or sexual abuse of other students or instructors is prohibited. Stealing, possession of weapons of any kind, and/or the abuse of theatre facilities will not be tolerated. Class instructors have been carefully selected by ACT and their instructions are to be respected at all times.
- **INFORM ACT OF CHANGES TO IMPORTANT INFORMATION.** Students must inform staff or class instructors of any changes in information, especially in regards to medical and contact information.

*** If a situation escalates past the disciplinary actions of the class instructor, it will be documented and the student may be directed to the Education Director. This is considered the first strike. If a student receives three strikes, they will not be allowed to continue with the class and there will be no refund on tuition. ***

COVID-19: Assumption of Risk

The health and safety of all students and instructors is important to Asheville Community Theatre. COVID-19 (Coronavirus) is highly contagious, and the CDC and other public health authorities recommend the use of masks and social distancing to combat the spread of this disease. Asheville Community Theatre has put in place multiple preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19, and expects all students, staff, and instructors to adhere to these guidelines.

Asheville Community Theatre cannot guarantee that its students will not be exposed to and/or become infected with COVID-19. When attending in-person classes, students understand that the risk of becoming exposed to and/or infected with COVID-19 may result from the actions, omissions, and/or negligence of other students, students' families, staff, instructors, and others, including but not limited to, volunteers and visitors.

By participating in in-person classes and programming, students understand and acknowledge that they are voluntarily seeking and engaging in activities that increase their risk of exposure to COVID-19. Students and their families release Asheville Community Theatre from any risk or liability associated with COVID-19

exposure and/or infection. By signing this waiver, students acknowledge that they must comply with all procedures set by Asheville Community Theatre to reduce the spread of COVID-19 while within ACT buildings, property, and/or grounds.

Asheville Community Theatre may hold virtual classes in lieu of in-person classes in the event of a confirmed positive case of COVID-19 inside the building, or due to changes in organizational, local, state, and/or federal safety ordinances related to public gatherings. Asheville Community Theatre reserves the right to deny refunds in the event that an in-person class is moved online.

By attending an in-person class, students attest that they:

- **ARE NOT ILL ON THE DAY OF CLASS.** Students attending class must not be experiencing any symptom of illness including, but not limited to, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or new loss of taste and/or smell.
- **HAVE NOT TRAVELED INTERNATIONALLY** within the last 14 days.
- **HAVE NOT TRAVELED TO AN AREA HIGHLY IMPACTED BY COVID-19** within the US in the last 14 days.
- **HAVE NOT BEEN EXPOSED** to an individual(s) with a suspected and/or confirmed case of COVID-19.
- **HAVE NOT BEEN DIAGNOSED** with COVID-19 or, if diagnosed previously, have been cleared as non-contagious by local, state, and/or federal public health authorities no later than the day of the class.
- **ARE FOLLOWING ALL HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES** provided by the CDC and/or other public health authorities and are limiting exposure to COVID-19 as much as possible.

*** ACT staff and/or class instructors will ask students to confirm the above statements and will require a temperature check before every in-person class. If a student is unable to verbally agree to the above statements, declines the temperature check, or has an above average temperature, they will not be allowed to attend the class. No make-up days or refunds will be offered for classes missed due to an above average temperature. Thank you for helping our community stay safe and healthy! ***

Virtual Classes

Virtual classes may be held in lieu of in-person classes due to inclement weather, in the event of a confirmed positive COVID-19 case inside the building, or due to changes in organizational, local, state, and/or federal safety ordinances related to public gatherings. ACT staff or class instructor will contact students directly should a class move from in-person to virtual. Refunds are not guaranteed if in-person classes move online.

When attending a virtual class, students must:

- **NOTIFY INSTRUCTORS IN ADVANCE OF LATE ARRIVALS** or planned absences. Once the virtual class begins, the classroom will be locked to ensure the safety of the students.
- **COMMUNICATE WITH INSTRUCTORS FROM THE WAITING ROOM** to ensure classroom safety and security. The instructor will go over this with students on the first day of class.
- **AGREE TO KEEP THEIR VIDEOS TURNED ON** for the entire class lesson. This maintains a safe and equitable learning environment for all students and instructors.

- **KEEP THEIR FULL FACE AND SHOULDERS VISIBLE** in their video feed, unless told otherwise.
- **USE THEIR OWN NAME FOR THE VIDEO FEED.**
- **NOT SHARE THE CLASS LINK.** For the safety and security of the virtual classroom, class links must not be shared with anyone. If a student has any trouble locating a class link, please contact the class instructor or the Education Director.

Video and Photo Release

Asheville Community Theatre, through its staff and instructors, will often record and/or photograph classes and other educational programs to use as ACT promotional material. Such promotional material may include, but not be limited to, social media posts and advertising, both physical and virtual. Asheville Community Theatre will retain full rights to and interest in these recordings and photographs.

By participating in ACT classes and programming, students understand and acknowledge that both in-person and virtual classes may be recorded and/or photographed, and that they, as a participant, will also be recorded and/or photographed. If a student does NOT consent to being recorded and/or photographed, they must promptly inform the Education Director or class instructor about their concerns and the reasons for them. Students should understand that this choice may limit their participation in performances that are routinely recorded and/or photographed. Students who do not wish to be recorded and/or photographed must be proactive in avoiding being recorded and/or photographed during ACT classes and programming. By signing this waiver, students acknowledge that they will hold ACT harmless if a recording and/or photograph of the student is released despite all precautions.