

March 22, 2022

Welcome back to Waterdown Village Theatre!

We're thrilled to see you and to enjoy the experience of live theatre together again!

Our Commitment to Keep Everyone Safe

Our Village Theatre Covid-19 Safety Response Team has been working in accordance with Ontario and Hamilton Municipality Public Health regulations to implement safety protocols to ensure that your return to live theatre will be a comfortable and worry-free experience.

As regulations have changed, we have revised our own safety protocols to ensure up-to-date compliancy. We commit to regularly assess risk of transmission for you our patrons, our cast, crew and volunteers. As such, we have taken the following actions:

Covid-19 Safety Response Team and Communication

Assigned a Covid-19 Safety Protocols Lead responsible for the tracking of daily Ontario government and Hamilton Municipality Public Health regulatory changes that include local news updates

Ongoing re-evaluation and compliancy of these changes affecting all patrons and associated theatre production volunteers

Created a Covid-19 Safety Protocols plan for training purposes in conjunction with the Executive Producer and other respective Leads to ensure circulation, communication and clarification of safety protocols among all theatre production volunteers

All volunteers will receive periodic reminders of the current safety protocols with their shifts due to the fluctuating nature of house volunteer staffing

Covid-19 Control of Transmission Risk

Masks

Effective March 21, 2022, in accordance with the Ontario and Hamilton Municipality Public Health regulations, ***masks will no longer be a mandate, but rather a choice***. Patrons and all associated theatre production volunteers may choose to wear or not wear a mask. We commit to respect these choices and will ensure a supportive environment

Rapid Antigen Test Kits

We have Test Kits available for all associated theatre production volunteers to self-monitor and self-administer at home in the case of symptoms or suspected exposure. Should any volunteer not feel well or test positive, they will be asked to refrain from entering the building, to self-monitor and follow the Ontario and Hamilton Municipality Public Health guidelines as outlined in our Covid-19 Safety Protocols plan before returning

Hygiene and Sanitization During Performance

- Hand sanitizers will be provided at all entries and touchpoints in the building
- Sanitization and cleaning of the space (using Public Health approved cleaners with a 99.99% effectiveness against bacteria, viruses and fungi) will occur after every performance
- Sanitization and cleaning of the washrooms will also occur after the start of the performance in preparation of reuse during performance
- Proper signage detailing handwashing will be posted in appropriate areas
- The stage area, actor preparation areas and technical booth will be designated as essential personnel only spaces
- Programmes left on seats post performance will not be reused for the next performance; each performance will hand out new programmes

Assigned Seating

VT will offer assigned seating for all performances.

VT is pleased to offer one special 'reduced seating' performance to allow for greater spacing and comfort.

Intermission and Food/Beverage Service

For the Spring 2022 performance, there will be no Intermission or food/beverage service due to the duration of the performance.

Crowd Management

Assigned volunteers will manage crowd flow as needed pre/post performance in the areas of: outside lineups, foyers, elevators, cloakroom, washrooms, concession and auditorium.

***Thank you for your continued support of the Waterdown
Village Theatre***