



COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOL

Onstage NY is committed to slowing the spread of the coronavirus and the health, safety and well-being of all our participants.

Together we can help slow the spread of COVID-19 by practicing our four Commitments of Containment, as we gather at our events.

- I will maintain 6 feet of physical distance
- I will wash my hands often
- I will cover my face in public spaces
- I will stay home when I am sick

Following CDC guidelines, this COVID-19 protocol will be in place for all events, to insure everyone's health and safety.

GENERAL PROTOCOL

- **New! ONSTAGE NEW YORK is proud to announce a partnership with Capstone Healthcare and the Lab Alliance, implementing an ongoing COVID-testing protocol for all ONSTAGE NY traveling team members. Optional testing may be made available to ONSTAGE NY attendees during weekend events.**
- All Onstage NY staff and judges will be temperature tested each morning.
- All Onstage NY staff will always be required to wear masks except when at the judges table.
- **NEW!** All Onstage NY attendees will receive a temperature check when they arrive at the venue.
- All Onstage NY attendees will be required to wear masks in all common and public areas.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at the registration desk, backstage, dressing rooms and throughout the lobby area.

TRANSACTION PROTOCOL

- All merchandise and registration transactions will be cashless.
- There will be a no try-on policy for all merchandise.

PERFORMANCE PROTOCOL

- Schedules will be arranged to minimize the number of studios in the building at one time. Block scheduling will be utilized whenever possible.
- If more than one studio is in the venue at a time audience, seating will be divided by studio.
- One audience member per registered performer may watch competition live at the venue.
- All audience members will be required to wear a mask
- All doors will remain open to reduce touch points, and one-way entrance/exits will be marked.
- One studio representative per entry will be allowed backstage.
- All studio representatives backstage will be required to wear a mask.
- No parents or additional spectators will be allowed backstage.
- The stage and dressing rooms space will be cleaned between each block.
- Performers are encouraged to come dressed to compete, to minimize use of the dressing room.
- NO Deductions for safety modified costumes, including masks, gloves, etc.
- NO Deductions for no costuming.
- Props that cannot be solely managed by the performer may not be used. Props may not be stored backstage prior to or after their specific entry.
- Vocal entries will be scheduled to allow proper sanitizing of microphones/equipment between entries.

AWARDS PROTOCOL

- Performers will not gather onstage for awards.
- **NEW!** Adjudicated Awards will be announced at the end of each competition 'block'. High Score Awards will be announced at the end of the competition.
- We are working towards a 'graduation style' ceremony where one studio representative from each entry will come to the stage to receive their award, presented by a gloved & masked Onstage NY staff member.
- We encourage our award donation option that is already in place and all award donations will be made to a COVID-19 relief organization.
- If you prefer to have all awards presented to your studio representative in lieu of participating in the awards ceremony you will have that option.

All protocols are subject to change based on municipality and/or government mandates.

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