

Welcoming you back safely

The Suggestibles' School of Improv Covid Safety Policy

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The safety of our students and teachers is our priority. To mitigate risk and enable us to improvise freely together in small groups, we have implemented a Covid Safety Policy for all our students and teachers to adhere to. This will continue to be updated, and in line with any new restrictions that may be imposed by the government.

We know planning ahead still feels tricky, and our terms and conditions continue to include refunds or exchanges if you can't attend an in-person class due to Covid or cancellation on our part.

Being open, trustful, generous and supportive are all key attributes of a good improviser. By working together, and for each other, we can create a safe space for us all to feel comfortable, and of course - to have fun!

For our in-person classes at Jurys Inn Newcastle:

- All attendees must be double vaccinated, unless immune or medically exempt, and be able to show proof if requested, such as your vaccination card or NHS app.
- The NHS recommends we all take lateral flows twice weekly. In line with this, we strictly require attendees to take a lateral flow test within 72-hours prior to your class, which proves negative. If you have been in a crowded space more recently, be sensible and take another test closer to the time.
- We have two sizeable rooms per night, and are restricting student capacity to between 8 and 12 per room to give plenty of space.
- For ventilation and fresh air, there are several windows which can remain open during class, or be opened at regular intervals now the weather has turned colder. We advise everyone to bring an extra jumper! Doors will also be open during quieter moments to increase flow (improv can get noisy at times and there may be other groups in neighbouring rooms).
- Remember to sanitise your hands when entering and exiting Jurys Inn, and when entering or exiting our own rooms. There are sanitisers available around the building, outside and inside our rooms.
- Should students make skin-to-skin contact during class, please be aware to sanitise your hands afterwards, and we will remind you to should we observe.
- Masks may be asked to be worn for closer, face to face activities (and we will have masks on hand should you forget your own).
- Of course, you must not attend if you have had a positive PCR test result, or you are waiting for the result of a PCR test, or you have symptoms and believe you may have been infected.
- If at any time during class you feel unsafe, please advise your teacher.

Cancellation due to Covid

Inform us quickly if you have been instructed to self-isolate, or you are experiencing symptoms and believe you may have been infected. By telling us quickly:

- We can inform others in your group who you may have come into contact with to get tested.
- If you let us know up to 8-hours prior to the event, you have the option of a full refund, credit or exchange to another suitable class. With less than 8-hours-notice, you have the option of a credit or exchange.
- We can potentially fill your space with a member of our waiting list.

Should there be a return to restrictions by the government, or we decide to pause classes for safety reasons, we will move our programme online, and you will have the option to attend those instead, or to postpone, or be refunded for your remaining classes.

As time progresses, we hope we can continue to lift measures safely, and increase class sizes gradually to allow more people to attend.