



COVID-19 Compliance Officer Training Information

All employers seeking to produce theatre on Equity contracts during the pandemic must include a dedicated COVID-19 compliance officer. Actors' Equity Association is happy to recommend a program where producers may send employees to become certified for this role:

Arts & Science presents classes and certificates for theatre professionals working during the pandemic and beyond. They are the only company who have classes specifically created for theatre production.

The Theatre Production class teaches COVID safety for theatre professionals. It's intended for stage managers, actors, production managers, company managers, performers, producers, general managers, directors, choreographers, designers, technicians and other professionals "upstage of the proscenium."

This course is designed for those who aim to be COVID compliance officers and those who want to be educated as responsible team members during the pandemic. A quiz will be administered for participants to prove competency of the subject. Individuals who show command of the material will be awarded a certificate of completion as a "COVID Compliance Officer for Theatre Production." Those who complete the class will gain access to curated COVID Safety and CCO resources.

Course Components

The class is moderated and co-taught by Lauren Class Schneider and Dr. Larry Kaskel, with guests Cody Renard Richard (*Hamilton*), Bonnie Panson (*SIX*) and Molly Meg Legal (*Ain't Too Proud* and *The Weathervane Theatre*). The training gives the pertinent facts while dispelling the myths. Dr. Kaskel teaches the science behind COVID safety, related to theatre production. Thanks to Cody, Bonnie and Molly, our esteemed theatre professionals, you will also hear how productions are adapting during the pandemic.

Topics Include

- Covid -19 Overview, Signs and Symptoms
- Cast and Crew Responsibilities
- Monitoring Protocol
- Screening Procedures (testing, temperature taking, questionnaires)
- Contact Tracing
- Spatial Distancing
- Supplies
- HVAC & Air Filtration
- The Vaccine and Variants
- Protocols for Auditions, rehearsals, load-in, tech, backstage, dressing rooms, green rooms, on stage and off.
- Fighting COVID Fatigue
- Resources