



2020 NSAA Play Production District Contest Information

These modifications are subject to change in response to COVID-19.

Participants, coaches, judges or spectators that feel sick should not attend or participate in practice or competition. The NSAA requires all non-active participants, coaches, and spectators to wear face coverings. Physical distancing should be practiced when possible.

The health and safety of students, staff, and local communities remain the priority of the NSAA.

The NSAA is implementing the following requirements for host schools of all NSAA district play production contests:

- Participants are permitted, but not required, to wear face coverings during competition.
- Spectators and judges are required to wear face coverings at all times.
- Directors, crew members and non-active participants are required to wear face coverings at all times.
- Interactions between participants, spectators, and judges must adhere to physical distancing guidelines.
- Performances must be scheduled at least 1 hour apart.
- Physically-distanced areas must be created for judges during competition and oral critiques.
- The host school may establish additional requirements in consultation with local health departments. Additional requirements implemented by the host school must be the same for all schools, judges, and spectators.

All participating schools, judges and spectators are expected to adhere to these requirements.

Optional protocols for play production district contest hosts to consider:

- Designate specific arrival/departure times for participating schools (ex. arrive, setup, perform, teardown, leave)
- Create separate points of entry for cast/crew and spectators
- Restrict attendance/specific seating areas for participating schools/spectators
- Limit theatre/backstage areas to essential personnel only
- Consider digital oral critiques and/or awards ceremony (Zoom, Facebook Live, etc.)
- Communicate availability of locker/dressing room facilities
- Provide limited concession stands or multiple concession stands
- Provide separate or multiple restrooms for participating schools/judges
- Sanitize frequently touched objects and surfaces in theatre/backstage areas

In play production, NSAA member schools apply and volunteer to host district contests. Often, there is a shortage of willing and available member schools to serve as hosts. Therefore, district contest hosts in play production will have the full support of the NSAA, should they implement additional COVID-19 protocols at their facility.