



**Nutcracker 2020 Program Information and
Restore Illinois Phase 4 Performance Guidelines
August 18, 2020**

Thank you for choosing to audition for the Nutcracker All Jazzed Up! We are excited to work together to produce this annual holiday tradition. This year will have a new look, but as always, the safety of our staff, patrons, and participants is of the utmost importance. Please note as guidelines change, we will be making changes and communicating them with you.

After auditions are held, we will be able to share some more specific information regarding this year's programs (including fees, show times and dates, rehearsal schedule, ticket information and more!) Thank you for your patience and support as we navigate the ever changing year of 2020.

Casting

In an effort to maintain stagnant groups, the cast will be organized into groups, no larger than 15 dancers per group. These groups will perform one or more dances together. A narrator will tell the Nutcracker story between scenes to allow the opportunity for groups to enter and leave the stage without mixing. This will also allow for any required cleaning of set pieces and props. The run time of the performance will be shorter than previous years and dancers may not receive as many roles as in past years to accommodate these additional safety measures.

Audience Limit

Audience size will be limited to 50 people per show. At this time we are not planning to include free cast tickets in the participant registration fee. Seats will be arranged 6 feet apart, and those living within the same household may move closer to one another.

Rehearsals

Rehearsals will take place in person and at home. The frequency of in person rehearsals will be reduced from past years and this year pre-recorded choreography will be provided for dancers to practice at home.

Symptoms/Temp Checks/Travel

Prior to attending any in person rehearsals or shows, please ensure that your child answers no to the questions listed on the wellness screening. If your child has any symptoms or a fever we ask that they join the rehearsal via Zoom from home if they feel well enough. We ask that if traveling to any current “hot spots” participants join any rehearsals via Zoom until 14 days have passed.

Health Monitoring

Everyone entering the building should review the symptom screening and check their temperature daily before entering the building. Anyone with a fever over 100.4 degrees is required to stay home.

If participants, volunteers or audience members can respond “Yes” to any of the questions below OR show symptoms, please stay at home if sick or not feel well.

- Have you felt feverish?
- Do you have a cough?
- Do you have a sore throat?
- Have you been experiencing difficulty breathing or shortness of breath?
- Do you have muscle aches?
- Have you had a new or unusual headache (e.g., not related to caffeine, diet, or hunger, not associated with a history of migraines, clusters, or tension, not typical to the individual)?
- Have you noticed a new loss of taste or loss of smell?
- Have you been experiencing chills or rigors?
- Do you have any gastrointestinal concerns (e.g., abdominal, pain, vomiting, diarrhea)?
- Is anyone in your household displaying any symptoms of COVID-19
- To the best of your knowledge, have you or anyone in your household come into close contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19?

If a participant does have symptoms, they should remain isolated at home for a minimum of 10 days after symptom onset AND until feverless and feeling well (without fever-reducing medication) for at least 24 hours OR confirmed to not have COVID-19 via 2 negative COVID-19 tests in a row, with testing done at least 24 hours apart.

If anyone reports having any COVID-19 related symptoms, they are encouraged to contact their health care provider; if multiple individuals report having any COVID-19 related symptoms, the park district will notify the local health department.

If anyone does contract COVID-19, we will contact the proper authorities and follow the appropriate protocol. If a child or staff member becomes ill at the program, they will be immediately be isolated from the group and sent home. Staff, volunteers and participants should notify the park district if they:

- Have a suspected or diagnosed case of COVID-19
- Have had close contact with an individual, including (but not limited to) a member of your household, who has a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19
- Are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, which can include: cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat and/or new loss of taste or smell

Everyone's health information will continue to be treated as confidential, as required by applicable laws. However, the name may be provided to local health agencies to assist in contact tracing individuals with whom they may have had close contact with for a prolonged time.

Costumes

Costumes will not be shared between cast groups without being sanitized in between uses. Please be sure your dancer is providing their own make up and other garments rather than expecting to borrow or share from another dancer.

Volunteering

This show cannot be produced without the many hours of volunteering generously provided by our families each and every year. This year is no exception! We rely on our families to assist in many different capacities each Nutcracker season. This year, we will not be able to guarantee volunteers will have the opportunity to watch the show from the back of the Oak Room as we have in the past. We need to adhere to the maximum limit of 50 people in the audience.

Registration

For a contact-free experience, we are encouraging:

- Online and e-mail registration.
- Use of credit cards
- E-mail receipts when in-person registration is necessary.

Snacks/Water

Snacks must be in single-use containers to be thrown out after each use.

Each participant should bring their own water bottle with their name written on it, so they don't get mixed up.

Personal Belongings

Participant's personal belongings will be kept separate. Please keep all unnecessary items at home.

Face Masks

Anyone over the age of two entering and leaving a Park District/School facility is **required** to wear a face mask over their nose and mouth and during the program unless outside and maintaining a social distance of at least 6ft. (exceptions can be made for people with medical conditions or disabilities that prevent them from safely wearing a face mask). Staff will be required to wear face coverings whenever 6 feet of distancing is not possible.

Social Distancing

Activities will be set up to allow for 6 feet of distancing between participants whenever possible. We will display visual markers 6 feet apart to encourage social distancing where practical.

The Bartlett Park District is committed to our participant's well-being and providing a safe environment for them. Social distancing practices will be implemented during Nutcracker to minimize and avoid contact. We will manage the situation, but unfortunately, we cannot guarantee a 100% socially distanced environment.

Personal Hygiene

Hand washing will be frequent. Hand sanitizer will be available, but feel free to send your child with their own.

Facility Cleaning

The frequency of routine cleaning, sanitization, and disinfection has increased in the facilities, especially in common and high traffic areas, and frequently touched surfaces.

Drop-off and pick-up

For in-person rehearsals and auditions, we ask that if possible, please drop off your child and return at the end of the timeslot to pick up. If you do wait within the building, please note that masks are required for all patrons ages 2 and up and social distancing is expected.

We appreciate your understanding as we work to provide a modified Nutcracker All Jazzed Up.

Bartlett Park District & Lisa's School of Dance