



## COVID-19 Safety Procedures

*All participants coming to dance must adhere to the following guidelines to ensure the safest environment for all.*

**To ensure the safety of Young Dance students, all faculty and staff have been vaccinated against COVID-19.**

### **STAY HOME IF:**

- You feel sick or you have any of the following symptoms:
  - Fever of 99.5° F or higher, or feeling feverish
  - Cough or shortness of breath
  - Chills
  - Headache
  - Muscle pain
  - Sore throat
  - Fatigue
  - Congestion
  - Loss of taste or smell
- You cared for or have had close contact within the last 14 days with someone who has COVID-19 or who has symptoms of COVID-19
  - *Close contact means spending a total of 15 minutes or more throughout the course of a day within about 6 feet of anyone who has COVID-19. If you answer yes to either of these questions, stay home.*
- Children must be fever-free for 72 hours before coming back to the studio.

### **DROP OFF AND PICK UP:**

- Our lobby is open. Dancers under 9 must be accompanied by an adult to and from the studio.
- Dancers will walk directly to Young Dance without passing through Element Gym.
  - Guardians may stay in the lobby, though are not required to.
- To avoid congestion in the lobby and hallways, we ask that you do not arrive earlier than 10 minutes before the start of class.
- Classes will start and end on time.
- For those whose parents prefer to wait in the parking lot for pickup, Young Dance faculty and staff will accompany dancers under 9 back to the main entrance.
- Dancers should enter the Orange studio via the lobby and the Teal studio via the hallway past the lobby. Studio doors will be clearly marked.

### **WATER ACCESS:**

- Dancers should bring a water bottle with them to class. There is a bottle-filling station near the restrooms.

### **PERSONAL ITEMS AND BELONGINGS:**

- Snacks must be packaged and kept in a dance bag. Snack breaks will be designated and students appropriately distanced while eating and drinking.
- Students should bring one bag for their belongings, which will be kept in the studio.
- Shoes should be stored in the cubbies outside the studios. Jackets/coats will be brought into the studio.

### **STUDIO PARTICIPATION:**

- All dancers, staff, and teachers are required to wear a mask in the building and in the studios. Masks are not required for outdoor classes and camps, unless specified by the instructor.
- All dancers, staff, and teachers are asked to maintain a physical distance of 3 feet when possible.
- Dance floors are marked to aid with physical distance.
- Students must wash their hands or use hand sanitizer upon entering and exiting the studio.
- Come dressed for class. Bathrooms will be limited to only a few people at a time.
- Classes will require registration to keep class sizes safe and manageable.
- We will assess offering a class virtually on a case by case basis.

### **SANITATION AND VENTILATION:**

- Studio floors, surfaces, doorknobs, and light switches will be disinfected daily, as well as on an as-needed basis.
- Our HVAC was new in Fall 2019. It is rated for up to 100 people in the studio. The system runs uninterrupted to maximize air circulation, **replacing the air 7-8 times per hour**.

### **SHARED SPACES AND BATHROOM CLEANING PROTOCOLS:**

- Foot pulls have been installed on the bathroom doors for opening without touching.
- Bathrooms are cleaned and wiped down on a regular schedule.

### **POLICIES REGARDING CONFIRMATION OF COVID-19**

If Young Dance receives information that an individual who is infected with COVID-19 has been in our space, we will inform everyone who was in the space within 48 hours of the infected individual's presence. We will not disclose the identity of that individual. If it is within 7 days of the infected individual being in the space, we will clean and disinfect the space, following CDC and MDH guidelines.

These safety procedures were developed to align with the [Young Dance COVID-19 Preparedness Plan](#).

Please direct any questions or issues that arise regarding these procedures to Kathleen Pender at [Kathleen@youngdance.org](mailto:Kathleen@youngdance.org).