

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 have any of the following symptoms:
 - Fever of 100.4° F or higher
 - Cough or shortness of breath
 - Chills
 - Headache
 - Muscle pain
 - Sore throat
 - Fatigue
 - Congestion
 - Vomiting or Diarrhea
 - Loss of taste or smell
- You have been identified as a close contact of someone who has COVID-19 and you are not fully vaccinated.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP:

- Our lobby is open. Dancers under 9 must be accompanied by an adult to and from the studio.
- Dancers should 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.
- 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.

VIRTUAL ACCESS:

- We will assess offering a class virtually for a student who is quarantining on a case by case basis.
- We need 24 hours notice to provide virtual access to a class.

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 a dancer is a close contact of an individual who is confirmed to have COVID-19, and is not fully vaccinated, they should quarantine for 7 days. They can return to class after 7 days if they have a negative PCR COVID-19 test taken 5-7 days after the contact. If they are fully vaccinated, they can continue to attend class as long as you have no symptoms.

If you have COVID-19: If a dancer attended a Young Dance class during their contagious period, notify Gretchen@youngdance.org.

If a dancer is confirmed to have COVID-19, they can return to class 10 days after the onset of symptoms, or, if asymptomatic, 10 days after the positive test **as long as the following are true:**

- They have no symptoms of COVID-19
- They have been fever free for at least 24 hours without fever reducing medication.

If Young Dance receives information that an individual who is infected with COVID-19 has been in our space, we will inform everyone who is identified as a close contact at Young Dance. We will not disclose the identity of that individual. 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 Gretchen Pick at Gretchen@youngdance.org