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- **Class Withdrawal:** If at any time a participant would like to withdraw from a class, send a written notice to kathleen@youngdance.org with the intended withdrawal date to receive a prorated tuition refund. Your registration includes a \$25 non-refundable administrative fee.
- **Camp Withdrawal:** Notify kathleen@youngdance.org with your intention to withdraw. If it is more than 30 days before the start of camp, you will receive a full refund minus the \$25 administrative fee. If it is within 30 days before the start of camp, you will receive a 50% refund minus the administrative fee. We cannot issue a refund if it is within 72 hours or the camp has already started.
- **Company:** *This policy exists as a form that company member parents/guardians sign upon registration.

Tuition for Young Dance Company members includes Saturday rehearsals and all performances, including costumes. Young Dance Company is a year-long commitment.

If, for some reason, a dancer must leave the company mid-year, we require written notification including the planned date of withdrawal. If you notify Young Dance staff by December 15, 2023, you will be refunded 50% of tuition. If you notify Young Dance staff by March 1, 2024, you will be refunded 25% of tuition. If you do not notify Young Dance staff by March 1, 2024, families are responsible for 100% of tuition due.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

- Stay home if you have symptoms of illness or if you have a confirmed case of Covid-19, strep, influenza or other common, communicable illnesses.
- Masks are optional. If an instructor observes symptoms of illness, they may ask a student to wear a mask. Young Dance will have masks available.
- Masks are encouraged if someone in your household exhibits symptoms of illness.

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- Dancers under the age of 9 must be accompanied by an adult to and from the studio.
- Guardians may stay in our lobby, though are not required to.
- 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 are clearly marked.

PERSONAL CARE

- Dancers under the age of 9 must be accompanied to/from the restroom. If a guardian is not present, Young Dance staff will accompany them to the single stall restroom and wait in the hallway. Young Dance staff will not assist a dancer in the restroom.
- If an individual needs assistance using the restroom, the dancer should be accompanied by a parent, guardian, or personal care assistant.

ACCESS

- We welcome individuals with disabilities into any of our classes, provided the class is an appropriate fit for participants. An appropriate fit requires that the instructor is able to meet the curricular goals of the class for all participants.
- Young Dance also offers classes that are tailored to individuals with disabilities.
- Young Dance will provide teaching assistants to support participants as needed.
- Young Dance has some assistive equipment available for use (wheelchair, walker, mat)
- Young Dance's ADA Access Plan can be found [here](#) and more information about our accessibility can be found [here](#).
- Contact info@youngdance.org to discuss access needs.

WATER ACCESS:

- Dancers should bring a water bottle with them into the studio. There is a drinking fountain and bottle-filling station near the restrooms.

SNACKS:

- Young Dance does not provide snacks for dancers, unless otherwise communicated. Dancers may bring their own snacks for breaks between classes.

A snack time is provided during camps lasting more than 2 hours. Snack time is not provided during single classes.

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STUDIO PARTICIPATION:

- The studio will be open 30 minutes before the first classes of the day begin.
- Students under 9 years old should be accompanied by a parent/guardian until the start of class, unless arranged beforehand with staff.
- Come dressed and ready for class. Please see the information on what to wear to class in the class descriptions on the [registration site](#) and in your class welcome email.
- Dancing often includes touch or close proximity. Students have the choice at every class whether they would like to receive touch or not. We recognize the importance of consent for physical contact and we strive to foster an environment where dancers have agency over their physical and educational experience.
- Classes require registration to keep class sizes safe and manageable.
- Parents/guardians are asked to wait outside of the studio during class. We schedule specific times for parents/guardians to observe class, such as observation days and the last 5 minutes of some classes.
- Young Dance instructors follow the Rule of 3: that there must be at least 3 individuals in the studio at a time. In the event that there is only 1 student in class, the instructor will leave the studio door open and/or request the parent/guardian to be in the studio.

VIRTUAL ACCESS:

- Young Dance offers All Abilities Dancing online for dancers who prefer to participate virtually. This class is offered in the academic year session on Saturdays, 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
- We do not offer virtual access to other classes except under special extenuating circumstances. Contact anat@youngdance.org to inquire about virtual access.

SANITATION AND VENTILATION:

- Studio floors, surfaces, doorknobs, and light switches are disinfected regularly, 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.
- The building restrooms are cleaned on a regular schedule.