

Health and Safety Measures for In Person Dance Lessons

Teachers will fill out an online declaration each day they teach, which states they have not had any covid-19 symptoms, had no contact with positive covid-19 persons, and have not traveled out of state in the past 10 days. Teachers will take their temperature upon arrival at the studio, to ensure it's below 100°. Should any of these precautions not meet the standard, then the Teacher will be sent home and other arrangements made for the class.

Students will have their temperature taken upon arrival to the studio. Any students who have a temperature of 100° or more will not participate that day. Students who have any covid-19 symptoms, have been in contact with someone with a positive covid-19 diagnosis or have traveled out of state in the last 10 days, cannot attend class in person. We are currently exploring the ability to live stream classes for those that cannot attend for any reason.

Arrival at class

Arrival at class will differ from our previous years to ensure the safety of our families and teachers.

1. Wait in the car or designated sidewalk area until the class proceeding yours fully exits the studio. There will be an Open/Closed sign on the studio door, if class is in session the sign will read Closed and when the previous class has exited the sign will read Open.(If you are the first class of the day, line up on the sidewalk for temperature taking)
2. Wear your mask as you approach the studio, stand on an X on the sidewalk, and wait for your instructor to administer the touch free temperature. Students under 12 are allowed to have parents with them also wearing face coverings.
3. Enter the studio, use the hand sanitizer stations on the benches, and walk to an X spot to place your belongings (we are no longer using the back room as social distance rules can't be followed). Bathrooms can be used if needed.
4. Walk to an X spot on the dance floor to begin class. **Finally the Fun Part!! And we Dance!!
5. Dancers will be socially distanced and we will be creating our choreography to avoid dance moves which involve holding hands, close proximity, or partner dancing.

6. Students and teachers need to wear face coverings during the entirety of class. This is in accordance with the CDC and the NYS education department. *If your student has a medical reason they can't wear a mask, please let me know and we can discuss. If a dancer is having trouble with breathing they can alert the instructor and briefly remove face covering outside the studio with a class assistant.*
7. After class, students will gather belongings and use the front door to meet parents on the sidewalk. Older students may go meet their parents at their vehicle.
8. Please follow all of these health and safety measures so that we can all come back to dancing together in person, and remain safe and healthy.

Procedures for cleaning

Cleaning in between classes:

1. We will wipe down benches, Barres, door knobs and the bathroom
2. Spray room with disinfectant
3. Teachers and assistants will wash their hands

Added Health and safety measures

- Prior to opening we are installing the highest grade filters that will work with our HVAC system and provide the best air filtration.
- A Hospital grade HEPA filter will be running in the studio.
- We will have the front and back doors open during class with magnetic screens over to reduce insects when weather appropriate to facilitate greater air flow.
- At each days end, the studio will be thoroughly cleaned as well as on the weekend
- No props or shared equipment will be used during dance class

Closure Plan

In the event that a student or teacher is diagnosed with Covid-19, the responsible party should contact our studio and then the local Health Department. We will then follow the States cleaning and temporary closure policy. The Baker School of Dance is classified by the State as an education facility. Due to this, we will be following the same guidelines that have been given to schools. Should the community infection rate rise above 8% or the local schools close due to increased risk of Covid transmission, then our studio will be forced to suspend in person classes as well. If we are required to suspend in person classes, we will continue regular class days and times online to ensure no disruption in our dance classes.