

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS updated Nov 9, 2020

Covid-19 continues to be an ongoing and developing situation. We have consulted Worksafe BC, local Health Authorities and International Dance Teaching Standards organization to develop the following protocols for. These are subject to change. A copy of Vancouver Coastal Health's document "Guideline for Recreational and Athletic facilities" and ISTD's "Reopening of BC Dance Studios Resource Guide" are provided on the front counter for your reference.

Effective Nov 9th and until further notice →

- facial coverings are required to be worn at all times by those 10years and over
- everyone must self-assess prior to entering the studio, and only enter if no symptoms are present.
- no dance props will be used -- teddy bears, ribbons, scarves or wings. Character shoes and skirts are dedicated for individual dancers and not shared. Acro mats, yoga mats and acro dots and dance dots are sanitized after each use. No stickers, prizes or rewards at the end of class.
- teachers will be social distancing -- no hugs, high fives or hand holding for now. No physical contact with students. If direct contact is necessary for the purpose of correcting technique and placement this will only take place with written permission from the parents and when the teacher and student are wearing masks. Teacher will sanitize hands before and after each student.
- each dance room has been marked with 6'x 6' squares to allow for social distancing while dancing. Class sizes will be small to use space accordingly. Occupancy limits for lobby areas, washrooms, dressing rooms and each studio are posted.
- all areas are sanitized nightly. Dance floors are sanitized frequently throughout the day for competitive cohorts, after use for recreational classes.
- dancers are asked to be mindful of social-distancing and sanitizing requirements at all times.
- to assist with social distancing please use the east facility door to enter/exit in the ballet room, and the west facility door to enter/exit other rooms.
- lobby is closed. Dancers and teachers only in the facility. Please do not arrive early for class. A seating area has been set up for dancers if they are unable to leave the building on their breaks. Tables and chairs will be frequently sanitized.
 - use the bathroom at home prior to coming to class. Bathrooms will be disinfected after each use.
- no sharing of food or water, social distance must be maintained at all times. Vending machine is no longer available. Please sanitize before using the fridge or microwave. Prepackaged food only in the microwave. No re-warming of previously eaten food.
- study room is not available.
- Please come ready for class. Do not change clothing inbetween classes.
- no large dance bags. Small bags for personal use if absolutely needed will be permitted.
- to increase air flow we will have doors and windows open during class. Please dress accordingly. Leggings instead of dance shorts, long sleeve crop fitted tshirts or ballet sweater can be worn over leotards.
- hair must be back in a tidy tight ponytail or bun for class to limit touching of the face.
- each room has been equipped with a mop, disposable cloths, bleach solution, gloves, spray bottle for disinfecting. Hand sanitizer is provided and must be used upon entering the building. Disposal masks are available in each room.
- if the dancer, teacher or staff member or anyone in their household is feeling unwell, has been diagnosed with covid-19 or travelled abroad in the last 14 days they are asked not to enter the facility.

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- Teachers who are feeling unwell cannot come to the studio. Alternative arrangements to teach via Zoom may be available. If arranging for a sub, they must be from our studio faculty cohort. No outside teachers at this time.
- consider leaving studio doors open to allow for easy access in and out of each room.
- privates cannot be booked back to back. The dance floor must be sanitized after each use. Mops with a bleach solution for floors, disposable cloth with bleach solution spray is provided in each studio.
- ballet barres, stereo, door knobs, light and fan switches, any other surfaces touched including Alarm pad, light knobs and door handle should be sanitized after use.
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- registration is online only. Payment is accepted online or via e-transfer to creativeoutlet@shaw.ca
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- if a dancer, teacher or staff member or anyone in their household has been diagnosed with covid-19 or travelled abroad in the last 14 days they are asked not to enter the facility. If they are exhibiting symptoms they must not enter for 10days, or have a negative test result.
- if anyone in the building begins to exhibit symptoms during class, isolate them immediately. Send to office and we will contact parent to pick up asap. Immediately sanitize the area.

This safety plan will be updated as new developments occur in the fight against this virus. If you have suggestions or areas of concern please contact Debra Cross, studio director.