

# ENSURING OUR STUDENTS' SAFETY



<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ENABLING PHYSICAL DISTANCING</b></p> <p>Spaces are marked off in the studio to ensure dancers maintain required distances.</p> <p>Spaces are marked off in the studio with sanitized baskets for dancers' possessions.</p> <p>There are hooks spaced around the room, hanging under the barres for masks to be hung on if removed.</p> <p>There will be no hand holding or contact partner work in classes.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>LIMITED CLASS SIZES</b></p> <p>In accordance with government regulations all classes have size limits.</p> <p>In-studio classes have a limit of 7 to 9 students, depending on the class.</p> <p>Online Zoom - no limit.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>STUDENT CHECKLIST</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>Please</u> use <u>your</u> bathroom before coming to the studio. Ours is, of course, available, but the less people using it, the safer for all. It is only open to our students/staff.</li> <li>- Active screening must be done before dancer may enter the studio.</li> <li>- Dancers must be fully registered to participate in classes. (Tuition paid, all forms handed in).</li> <li>- Do not arrive more than five minutes before class time.</li> <li>- Arrive wearing dance attire.</li> <li>- Bring a water bottle if necessary.</li> <li>- Hair <u>must</u> be very well-secured off the face and neck neatly. Hair will not be repaired by reception, so it must last for the duration of the class. If a dancer cannot fix their own hair if it becomes unsecured, they may observe their class in lieu of participating.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>LIMITED FOYER ACCESS</b></p> <p>No more than 2 people in the foyer at a time. Registered dancers <u>only</u>, except for a parent/guardian with 3-5 year olds. No waiting in foyer during classes. When picking up your child, pop your head in the door to let reception know you are here and your dancer will be sent out. 3-5 year old pick up - reception will let you know when to come in. (Dancer's sibling may come in with parent if they are too young to wait in the stairwell). Please bear in mind we need expedited entries and exits to avoid as much close contact as possible and not interfere with the next class's arrival.</p> <p>Please be punctual picking up. Back-to-back in-studio classes end five minutes early and begin five minutes later to allow time for class transitions/sanitizing. Smaller classes require a little less time.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SIGNING IN UPON ARRIVAL</b></p> <p>Every person (non-dancer) who enters the premises must record their name &amp; their relationship to their dancer. <u>Dancers will be signed in by reception</u>, except students dancing Saturdays from 1:30 pm onwards and those attending private lessons. These students sign themselves in. This is to assist health officials with effective contact tracing if they require this.</p> <p>There is no personal information required on the sign-in sheet because we have our dancers' information on file.</p> <p>Parent(s) - Please be sure we have the phone number(s) you can most easily be reached at during your dancer's class times on your registration form.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DANCERS - ARRIVE WEARING YOUR DANCE ATTIRE</b></p> <p>Changerooms will <u>only</u> be used in the case of a "wardrobe malfunction" or as a place for a student to wait if waiting to be picked up. Upon arrival students will go directly into the studio. Please do not bring over-sized dance bags. All clothing worn/ brought into the studio must fit in the dancer's bag/the basket in the studio. Minimize please.</p> <p>The washroom <u>cannot</u> be used for changing.</p> <p>Weather permitting, dancers please leave as much of your outer clothing in your vehicle as possible.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MASKS</b></p> <p>In compliance with the latest government mandate, face coverings must be worn to enter the building, our premises and the dance studio. Dancers' masks may be removed for their physical activity. There are hooks in the studio for dancers' masks to be hung on. Parents, please let reception know if you prefer your child to leave their mask on while dancing.</p> <p>Older dancers - bring a back up mask if you opt to wear one for dancing. If a mask becomes wet from sweat or heavy breathing it becomes uncomfortable and is unhealthy for the dancer.</p>

## SANITIZING

Between and during classes there will be cleaning and disinfecting of high-touch surfaces to maintain a sanitary environment (door handles, barre, washroom etc.). Baskets for possessions and mask hooks are replaced each class. Hand sanitizers are available for use upon arrival before entering the studio and are also available in the studio.

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## ONLINE ZOOM CLASSES

An online option for classes is available to those who prefer not to do in-studio classes at this time. The studio must be notified of this preference so that Zoom can be set up for the class.

Adult ballet classes and Ballet Conditioning are always available online.

The online option is also available to a dancer who is home and unable to attend their class. They are welcome to observe their class online or participate, but the studio must be notified in advance that online is being requested so that it can be set up.

Online and in-studio classes have the same fee schedule.

## PAYMENTS

Please only make payments/ register etc. while classes are in session, or if a class transition is complete, unless it is a matter of simply handing it to reception. Cash is accepted, exact amount please.

Payments also accepted by debit (\$15 minimum), e-transfer and cheque.

Drop-ins are welcome for Adult/ Advanced classes, but the class must be paid for before attending. No cheques for drop-ins.

## ABSENCES

If a class is full with a wait list: The students in a class with a wait list will be notified their class has that status and if it changes.

In order to be fair to those who could not get a spot for an in-studio class, a dancer registered for a class must notify the studio four hours before their class time of their impending absence. If notification is not received then the dancer will do their next class online and the dancer on the wait list will take their place for that class. If this occurs a second time a \$5 surcharge will be applied along with the forfeiture of the dancer's next in-studio class to the waiting dancer.

This is only for classes with wait lists.

(Note: An emergency such as a vehicle breakdown/accident/ sudden illness is of course a viable reason for an exception to this rule).

## DISINFECTANTS USED

A list of the disinfectants and hand sanitizers being used at the studio is available. Reception has paper copies of the list or we can e-mail it to you.

Our two hand sanitizers are Canadian-made (in Toronto and Guelph). Their ingredients are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. There are over 100 hand sanitizers currently on Canada's recall list due to safety issues so we have made sure to only use local, safe products.

We now only have one disinfectant that contains quaternary ammonium compounds (eg. benzyl ammonium chloride) and it will be used very sparingly and in rotation with healthier, non-toxic disinfecting options until it is used up and then not purchased again. All disinfectants utilized are government approved for COVID-19 disinfection.

## DROP-INS/DANCE CARDS

Dancers wishing to attend a class as a drop-in or with a dance card must reserve a spot in the class. If a class is full we will notify you as soon as we can once a spot opens up.

If a class is full with a wait list, in order to be fair to those who could not get a spot for an in-studio class.

As with "absences":

An attendee (dance card user or drop-in) with a reservation must give four hours notice for an impending absence.

If required notice is not received: Dance card - A \$5 surcharge is marked off the balance on the card.

Drop-in - A \$5 surcharge is added to the cost of the dancer's next drop-in fee.

These rules only apply to classes with a wait list.

(Note: An emergency is of course a viable reason for an exception to this rule).

**What if a dancer has a runny nose/sneeze/cough due to seasonal allergies or any other pre-existing condition that has a symptom that public health lists as a symptom of COVID-19?**

*According to public health symptoms from a pre-existing condition are “allowable” symptoms and can be disregarded when doing active screening.*

**What if someone (dancer or staff) from the studio is diagnosed as having Covid?**

*Public health will deal with the situation. RCSB will make no health decisions regarding COVID-19 and will only disclose the most minimal information required to handle this situation in order to operate within the laws regarding people’s rights to privacy and confidentiality re: health issues.*

**What if a dancer begins to experience symptoms of COVID-19, aside from symptoms due to pre-existing conditions, while at the facility?**

*They will immediately be separated from others until they can depart and a parent/caregiver will be notified. Public health’s direction will be followed thereafter. RCSB will make no health decisions regarding COVID-19.*

**What if a government mandated closure happens again?**

*We will do as many zoom classes in lieu of in-studio classes as possible. If a teacher/teachers need to self-isolate due to a government mandate it may not be possible to run all online classes. There are no refunds/credits for a shutdown due to government mandates of less than two months, as stated on the registration form’s tuition policies.*

