

Enhanced Covid-19 Protocols and Guidelines:

*Please note that these protocols may change and flex to comply with government regulations.

At this time, only dancers and faculty are permitted to enter the Dance Gallery. Parents/siblings are not permitted inside the building due to social distancing guidelines and occupancy limitations. Our studios have been taped and marked to reflect dancers remaining 2 meters apart.

Masks are required upon entering and exiting the Dance Gallery and in all common areas within the building. This includes the changeroom, lobby and washroom. ***Updated November 3, 2020

Masks/face shields are to be worn in classes at all times. At the teachers discretion, dancers will be given breaks within the class to accommodate being comfortable when exercising with a mask/face shield. We appreciate your compliance with this to provide a safe environment for both the dancers and instructors, including our loved ones at home.

If you are sick – stay at home. We ask that you do not enter The Dance Gallery

- if you have a fever, cough, difficulty breathing, cold or sneezing, please stay at home.
- if you have been outside the country in the past 14 days, please stay at home.
- if you have been in close contact with a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19, please stay at home.
- if a family member is sick at home – please do not bring your children to class, please stay at home.

Arriving at the Studio:

1. Students are to wait outside, 6 feet apart until class time. The concrete is marked to make it easy for dancers to line up. *Updated November 20th- your dancer will be temperature checked by their teacher to support our mandated screening requirements by the provincial governments November 19th, 2020 order.
2. Your dancers dance bag should have the minimum amount of items in it as they will be bringing their bags directly into the studio. Your teacher will come outside to greet you, ensure you have your mask on, and direct you inside to your studio. **Please disinfect your hands upon arrival, using the sanitation stations provided for you as directed by signage.** Additional hand sanitizers are located in all studios! We kindly ask that dancers have a mini-sanitizer attached to the outside of their dance bag so that they can also sanitize their hands during class while staying safely socially distanced. Thank you!
3. **Water bottles are permitted inside the studio and our water refill station is open to refill water bottles only Dancers are to sanitize their hands before using the water refill station and after.**
4. Please note **class times may be staggered in order to minimize social contact** and to allow for enhanced cleaning procedures. When both studios have scheduled classes, they will be 5 minutes apart to ensure we have smooth transitions in between classes. We will engage in **touchless greetings, as we will not be shaking hands, high 5'ing, or sharing hugs at this time.**
5. **Drop Off Pick up only** – parents are asked to remain outside or in their cars until class is over. If a student forgets anything and Mom and Dad are bringing it to the studio, it is to be picked up outside by the dancer.

6. **Front door will be our point of entry and exit, with students being led outside for pick up by their teachers.**
7. **Please leave all personal items at home or in the car.** It should be noted that the microwave, magazines, soft reading material, and fridge have been removed from the lobby and change room, so please pack food with cold packs or in a thermos.
8. **Eating at the studio is kindly restricted to those who have classes back to back and require a snack or for those dancers who have a 1 hour or less time in between classes.** We ask for your co-operation on this as space is limited and we need to keep our numbers to what is legislated. Dancers are welcome to eat in the lobby that will be marked for social distancing and will have a maximum occupancy of SIX (6) dancers. If these spaces are taken, dancers must go outside to eat and maintain social distancing. Students are required to wash their hands and/or sanitize when handling food and eating.
9. **Please ensure you arrive on time for your classes! After all students have been led inside by their instructors, the door may be locked to maintain control of the occupancy limits if there is not an available staff member to monitor the door. If you know that you are going to be late due to an appointment, kindly let your instructor know well ahead of time. If something unexpected comes up, we encourage you to notify a dance friend in the class to let your teacher know that you may be late.**
10. Dress codes are in effect. With the exception of footwear, **please arrive dressed and ready to go with your hair either in a bun or pulled back off your face, no jewellery.**
11. **A change of shoes and minimal change of dancewear will be allowed within the studio. Change rooms are to be used only as a last option and masks are required when changing. The maximum occupancy in the changeroom is FOUR (4) dancers at a time.**
12. **Everyone is expected to maintain social distancing** and follow the marks on the floor.

We have mandated that all Dance Gallery staff and teachers:

1. Wash and sanitize their hands, before and after every class.
2. Are temperature checked by another staff member upon arrival at the studio.
3. Clean and disinfect personal items, including technology, laptops and phones.
4. Enhanced cleaning practices are in place. All ledges, door knobs, handles, barres, mats, tables and floors will be wiped down before and after every class.
5. A logbook will be kept in each studio and will record all sanitization procedures and initialled by staff.
6. We will work collaboratively to ensure appropriate safety measures are in place and adhered to.
7. Staff and teachers will stay home if they are sick and/or not feeling well.
8. If a dancer should become unwell at the studio, the parent or emergency contact on file will be contacted and asked to pick up their dancer immediately. While waiting, the student will be kept away from the other dancers.

We appreciate your support and adherence to these protocols and guidelines.

We will continue to assess this situation as it evolves. In the meantime, we encourage everyone to keep well, stay informed, and follow the advice of health care officials. Please take care of yourselves and your loved ones.

If you have ANY questions about our COVID protocol, we are happy to answer them and we thank you for your cooperation during this time.