

COVID-19 Safety Plan

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SIGNAGE

We have signage outside and inside of our facility pertaining to wearing masks, sanitizing hands and social awareness. Our COVID plan is posted in all classrooms and common areas. Hand washing instructions is posted in all of our washrooms.

SELF SCREENING: STUDENTS & OTHER PERSONS

All dancers and any other person entering our facility must perform a self health screening prior to arrival. If a dancer or anyone in the dancer's household has any COVID-19 symptoms (fever, cough, chills, shortness of breath, sore throat and painful swallowing, stuffy or runny nose, loss of sense of smell, headache, muscle aches, fatigue, loss of appetite) the dancer must stay home. If a dancer becomes unwell during class, they will be removed from the class and a parent will be called for pick up. If you have a cough or a fever, you must stay home until you are symptom-free for 3 days. Any person showing symptoms inside our facility will be asked to leave and go home.

SCREENING: SDC TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATION

All teachers must perform a self health screening prior to arrival. All teachers will have their temperature checked upon arrival with a thermometer. If a teacher is showing symptoms of COVID-19, they will be required to take a COVID test and stay home until results are released. A suitable substitute will be organized to run the classes and parents will be notified immediately.

MASKS

Please wear a mask provided by yourself in all common areas: entrance, lounges, washrooms, etc. It is optional for preschool dancers ages four and a half (4.5yrs) and younger to wear a mask, in common areas. Masks are optional for all students once inside a student square for the duration of class. If at any time a student leaves their square, they are to put their mask on. All teachers will wear a mask at all times, even during class. Our administration team will wear a mask at all times. Parents and other persons in our dance home must also wear a masks at all times.

COMPETITIVE DANCERS

Masks are mandatory for all competitive cleaning rehearsals. This is due to the nature of their choreography involving across the floor transitions, partner work, close formations, etc.

LOUNGES CLOSED

Our upstairs and downstairs lounges are closed to anyone who is not a registered student to reduce traffic and congregation. No parents/guardians will be allowed inside our facility unless necessary. Dancers will wait outside until their teacher or front desk personal opens the door for them to enter. If for any reason a parent/guardian needs to enter our facility, they must wear a mask, maintain social distancing at all times and vacate as soon as it is no longer necessary for them to be inside the facility. Parents of dancers in our Preschool Program (ages 4.5yrs and younger) are welcome inside to support their child for drop off and pick up, but must leave while class is in session.

VACCINE PASSPORT AGES 19 and under

Vaccine passports are **not** required for registered students who are under the age of nineteen (19) years.

VACCINE PASSPORT AGES 20 and older

Vaccine passports are required for anyone over the age of twenty years (20) who is entering our facility. If you do not have a vaccine passport, but need our team's assistance, we will happily meet you outside to be of service.

VACCINE PASSPORTS FOR THEATRES/VENUES

At this time, vaccine passports are required for theatres and other performance venues. On January 31st the provincial government will announce if this order will end or be extended. Please be prepared and understand that if this order is extended, this will affect competition and recital performances for students over the age of 12yrs who do not have a vaccine passport.

CLASS CROSS OVER BREAK

All classes for ages 5yrs and up will end FIVE MINUTES EARLY to ensure there are minimal student cross overs and that all equipment/high touch surfaces are sufficiently disinfected. For example: your child's class says it's 45minutes on the schedule, they will take class for 40minutes. If your child's class says it's 60min on the schedule, they will take class for 55min. Preschool Program classes are excluded from cross over breaks since they already have a 15minute break between classes.

ARRIVAL

Please enter our dance home no more than five minutes prior to class start time. Dancers who arrive earlier than five minutes before their class start time will be asked to wait outside while the previous class is dismissed. Teachers or administration staff will initiate dancers when it's time to enter. Please have dance cloths on before entering the studio. Dancers are welcome to use our cubbies for their jackets, shoes, bags, etc.

DISMISSAL

Students will exit our dance home as soon as their class has finished (unless they have another class afterwards). Please be early or on time for pick up. All dancers will wait outside for a parent/guardian to pick them up.

DANCERS WITH BREAKS BETWEEN CLASSES

Dancers are welcome to stay on site when they have a break between two or more classes. If your child has more than one class a night, they should be prepared and capable of following all of our studio guidelines, as well as have something to keep themselves quietly occupied with; book, homework, colouring, etc. Squamish Dance Centre does not provide students with activities to keep occupied during breaks.

WATER BOTTLES

Please have water bottles filled prior to arrival. Our washroom taps are not to be used for refills. We have bottled water available at the front desk for \$1.00. **DO NOT SHARE WATER BOTTLES WITH ANYONE.**

FOOD

If you are having a snack between classes, please be sure to eat outside. If weather does not permit to eat outside, please place yourself in an appropriately spaced area. Wash your eating area before and after your snack. If you need any help, please ask a teacher or our front desk person.

WASH/SANITIZE

Please wash or sanitize your hands upon entering and exiting our dance home. There are multiple hand sanitizer stations throughout our facility, including outside before entering our facility.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

Please be mindful of your spacial awareness at all times, keeping 2 meters distance from others. We have markers on the floor where possible in our entrances and lounge floors. Our lounge furniture has also been marked with where it's safe to sit. Teachers will be practicing hands free instruction, unless necessary. Teachers and administration staff will continue to remind dancers to give space to those around them.

STUDENT SQUARES

We have one student square per dancer in all of our classrooms. Our student squares are 2 metres front to back and side to side. Dancers will stay in their student squares for the entirety of class for the start of our dance season. Masks are optional once inside a student square.

ACROSS THE FLOOR

All classes will take place inside student squares for the start of our dance season. We will reassess on October 30th. We will let you know once we've reassessed this policy if our teaching team feels it is appropriate and safe to begin across the floor training.

LIMITED CLASS CAPACITIES

Studio A - 20 dancers
Studio B - 25 dancers
Studio C - 8 dancers
Studio D - 15 dancers

ACRO & AERIAL CLASSES

All mats will be marked and spaced appropriately. All Aerial classes will have one hoop per student. There will be no partner or group training until further notice.

HANDS ON TEACHING

We strongly believe in fostering a safe and developmental dance experience for all students. For the most successful training, hands on teaching is the most successful form of helping students make corrections and find correct movement. Teachers will be making hands on corrections and spotting Acro/Aerial students. Teachers will be masked at all times and will sanitize their hands when necessary. Please don't hesitate to let us know if you are not comfortable with your child's teaching being hands on and we will happily support.

WASHROOMS

Only one person per washroom. Our washrooms will be cleaned as frequently as possible.

EXTRA CLEANING

Our administration team and teachers will clean/disinfect high touch surfaces and lounge furniture as frequently as possible. We have a five minute break between every class to accommodate cleaning time. All props and equipment used will be cleaned between every class. We have invested in two Cobalt Foggers which will be used when necessary on areas/equipment which are not easy to clean by hand: aerial hoops, couches, cubbies, etc. Teachers will pre-set up disinfected equipment before class starts.

AIR QUALITY

All doors will be open during classes while weather permits. We have also invested in air purifiers for all four classrooms and our two waiting areas. Teachers will play music as low as possible to minimize the need to raise their voices.

IF A POSITIVE CASE WAS TO OCCUR WITHIN OUR DANCE FAMILY

If we receive a phone call from health officials that a student or staff has been tested positive for COVID-19, we will follow their instructions for moving forward. You may receive an email notifying of exposure and can continue coming to class, or we may be forced to close our entire facility for 14 days. If we need to close our studio at any time, all classes will continue as usual (same day, time, teacher) online by Zoom. No refunds or credits will be given for any length of time we close due to COVID-19. Our programs will continue to run virtually.

MANDATED CLOSURES

If at any time we are forced to close due to provincial orders, all classes will continue as usual (same day, time, teacher) online with Zoom. No refunds or credits will be given for any length of time we are closed due to COVID-19. Our programs will continue to run online.

NOT FOLLOWING STUDIO PROCEDURES

If a student, parent or staff member is not respecting our studio procedures, we will kindly ask the person/s to remove themselves from our dance home and return when they are ready to cooperate. If a student, parent or staff member consistently disrespects our studio procedures, they will permanently be removed from our programs.

FUTURE CHANGES

As things change provincially, we will continue to adapt our studio procedures. If any changes are to occur at anytime, we will inform you immediately by email and our private parent Facebook group.