



Safety Procedures & Protocols for SDC Students

Before Entering the Studio:

- **Limited Indoor Waiting Room:** Please instruct your child to wait to enter the building while someone else is entering and exiting to maintain social distance. Please allow 2 meters between yourselves in both the lobby area as well as the studio. Upon entering and exiting the studio the students will be instructed to use supplied hand sanitizer at the front entrance.
- **Limited Parent/Sibling/Guardian Access:** We are limiting access to the studio to students. We ask all parents and siblings of students 6yrs and up not to enter the studio. I understand this may not be possible in all cases-especially the first week. We will be broadcasting all classes over Zoom so parents can watch their child dance outside the studio. Viewing will be allowed by appointment only. Special exceptions will be made for 3-5yrs classes-social/physical distancing will be required in viewing area and lobby. Classes will be broadcast over Zoom for outside studio viewing.
- **Reduced Change Rooms:** Students are encouraged to arrive to class already dressed in their dance uniform. Because we must sanitize between each student, use of change rooms are limited to emergency situations.
- **Bring your own Water:** Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle to class from home. For health and safety reasons, there will be no water refill options at the studio.
- **No Food or Snacks:** For health and safety reasons, no food or snacks will be allowed in the studio.
- **Hand Sanitization:** Students will be provided hand sanitizer upon entry & exit of the studio.
- **Covid Symptom Mandatory Check:** We expect parents and students to do a mandatory covid symptom check before entering the studio. We will expect that any student showing up for class will not be sick, feeling unwell or self isolating for some reason.

While in the Studio:

- **Hand Sanitization:** Students will be provided with hand sanitizer before & after class to maintain sanitization
- **Personal cubbies:** will be provided for each student in the studio during their class time. Cubbies are fully sterilized frequently. Students are encouraged to only bring the personal belongings needed for their classes with them and leave extra items at home.
- **PPE Available:** PPE will be available to any students who wish to wear it and do not have their own. At this point masks are optional for parents and students. Teachers will be wearing masks at their own discretion during class.
- **Socially Distanced Spaces:** There will be controlled access to classes to ensure physical distancing - studio maximum occupancy 12 persons.
- **Acro Class Sanitization:** Mats & equipment will be sterilized between classes.
- **Physical Distancing in Classes:** Physical distancing is not always possible especially in younger classes. We will be holding hands and making physical corrections on students. We will limit contact as much as possible but be aware that contact will happen in classes. If you are uncomfortable with physical contact there is the option of virtual classes over Zoom.

Safety Procedures & Protocols Implemented by SDC Staff

Class & Staff Safety Protocols & Procedures:

- **Reduced Class Sizes:** Class sizes will be reduced to a maximum of 12 students this season in order to meet Health & Safety requirements.
- **Staggered Class Times:** Class times will be staggered to reduce the amount of students coming in and out of the studio at one time.
- **Reduced Exposure to other Classes:** The class scheduled will be structured with back to back classes as much as possible so students taking multiple classes can stay in the same room with the same group of class mates while the teachers will travel between this reducing exposure.
- **Increased Air Flow:** Exterior air flow will be introduced in each studio room during classes.
- **Teachers Wear PPE:** Teachers and staff will wear masks or face shields at their discretion.
- **Increased Staff Training:** Teachers & staff have received additional safety training related to Covid Health & Safety.
- **Increased Signage:** Increased signage around the studio give reminders for Covid safety and protocols.
- **Teacher Checks:** Teachers will complete a mandatory symptom check before entering the studio for their shift.
- **Socially Distanced Choreography & Class Plans:** Choreography & training will be designed to comply with social distancing as much as possible.

Cleaning Procedures – SDC Safety Protocols

- **High Touch Surface Cleaning:** All high touch surfaces will be sanitized between each class.
- **Equipment Cleaning:** All equipment (Mats, blocks, etc) will be sanitized between classes
- **Frequent Floor Sanitization:** All floors will be sanitized between dance groups (when new students arrive in class) if dancing in bare feet. Some class times will be reduced by approximately 10 minutes in order to accommodate sanitization procedures.
- **Increased Cleaning After Hours:** Extra cleaning and disinfecting will be done each night when students leave
- **Daily FOGGER Disinfecting of Studio:** SDC will be using a disinfecting FOGGER each day to fully sanitize every hard and soft surface in the studio. Foggers provide hospital grade sanitization that is 100% biodegradable, Environmentally friendly, Non toxic and safe. It will reduce our need to use Chemical disinfectants and will provide a full coverage application at the micron level.
- **Increase Bathroom Cleaning:** Bathrooms will be sanitized several times per day.

Sickness Policies – Q & A

- **What if my child is ill:** If your child has any of the Covid symptoms they will be asked to refrain from attending in studio classes until either 14 days have passed since the onset of symptoms or a doctors note is provided clearing them of Covid infection before the 14 day incubation period is over. We also ask that you inform the studio of your childs absence due to symptoms so that we can provide contact tracing if necessary and also so we can keep track of which students need make up class options or would like to attend Zoom while away from the studio. (see below for more info)
- **What are my options if my child misses class due to illness:** We have several options in place. We provide at least 4 bonus classes throughout the season as make up opportunities for students who have missed classes due to illness. We also offer ZOOM access to classes so that students who may only have mild symptoms can attend via Zoom instead. Classes are all scheduled on Zoom on the website.
- **What happens if my child's class has a students or teacher with a confirmed case of Covid 19:** If a student or teacher in your child's class is confirmed to have Covid 19, you will be notified by SDC staff about the possible exposure. The class, its students & teachers will not be permitted to come to the studio for a 14 day period or until cleared by a doctor, if that happens before the 14 day period.

The teacher will offer Zoom classes as an option. We will be actively reassessing our procedures as the season progresses and will increase or ease these policies at the advice of the health board of BC. You will be informed and updated of any changes to procedure over the season.

- ***What happens if a child or teacher becomes unwell during class:*** *Because of our increased screening policies, we feel the risk of this situation is low. However, if a child or teacher starts to feel unwell during class, we have the following procedures in place:*

- *If a student who feels unwell will be instructed to leave class and will wait in the waiting room away from their classmates until a parent or guardian can pick them up.*
- *If a teacher falls ill during class, they will leave the studio and a substitute or teachers assistant will replace them for the remainder of the day.*
- *You will be notified by email to inform you of a ill child or teacher leaving class*
- *If necessary, the class will be cleared for 10 minutes so sanitization can occur.*