

Ballet U - Safe Return to In-Studio Classes during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Requirements for Attendance:

For dancers to attend class, the entire household must be healthy with no one having had close contact with an infected person within the past two weeks.

When dancers return to the studio for the first time this summer they must bring the completed Covid Waiver. For subsequent classes, families need to inform us if any information has changed.

Drop off and pick up:

Please arrive no sooner than 5-10 minutes before class time and remain outside or in the main lobby - with 6 feet physical distancing in mind - until a Ballet U staff member calls the dancers for their class. This is a good time to use the restroom and wash hands. When dancers are called for class those who didn't just wash their hands in the restroom will receive a pump of hand sanitizer at the door. Dances age 7 and older will enter the studio alone.

Parents who need to take care of anything with the front desk staff should wait until after students are in their class.

To pick up your dancer, please arrive 5 minutes before the scheduled end time of class and remain in your car. Students will be released through the side-door at the end of the observation room and escorted to the sidewalk in the front of the building with a Ballet U staff member for parents to pick up.

Hygiene and Sanitizing:

Students and teachers will wash their hands after entering the building or sanitize hands upon entering the studio. Students are also encouraged to sanitize their hands after barre work. Teachers will sanitize their hands whenever they enter a new classroom and as frequently as needed throughout the night. Hand sanitizer is available at the studio; students are also welcome to use their own.

Door knobs, barres and other and commonly touched surfaces will be disinfected with Lysol or Clorox wipes or a similar product between each new group. Floors will be cleaned and disinfected daily with a steam cleaner.

Students must bring their own water bottle and not use the water fountain.

Bathrooms are available for use and will be sanitized multiple times per day.

Young dancers (ages 7 and under) will receive a personal set of new props to use for class, take home and bring back each week. Any studio-owned props will be sanitized with a steam cleaner after each use.

Distancing:

Students should keep distance from friends while in the building.

The teacher will keep distance from students.

Teachers will wear a mask while teaching, especially when they are not keeping at least 6 ft. of distance from students.

Students over age 10 should wear a mask in any common areas and are encouraged to wear a mask during class.

The observation hall will be closed during group classes. Exception: One adult per dancer under age 7 may stay. There will be marked spots (chairs, hooks) spaced 6 feet apart for dancers to put their bags and street shoes. Dancers should arrive dressed for class, change into dance shoes in the observation hallway and then enter the studio as directed by their teacher.

Class times will be staggered so that we can clear one group from the studio before allowing the next group in.

For our younger dancers (ages 7 and under), the dance floor will be taped into a grid, giving each dancer more than 6 ft of space in each direction. Each child will be assigned a square to stand in for part of the class. We will also use the grid to space children out as we move across the floor.