

The Dance Conservatory of Pittsburgh

Health and Safety Guidelines 2020-2021

The well-being of our students, faculty, and their families is our top priority as we return to the studio for the 2020-2021 dance season. Please review the following policies and conduct guidelines. Note that all of these measures are subject to change as federal, state, and local guidelines evolve. Please contact DCP directly with any questions or concerns at 412-344-3900 or dcp@dcpdance.com.

Layout and Logistics

Class sizes are limited to 35% occupancy with areas larger than 6 feet taped off for social distancing. This allows for some movement within each dancer's defined space. Class structure and travelling patterns will be altered to allow for social distancing within the studio. All classes follow a no contact curriculum.

Total occupancy of the DCP space has been limited to no more than 25 people at a time including students, teachers, and desk staff. To facilitate this limitation, our space is now divided into 2 separate areas. Classes that take place in studios 1 and 2 will use our main entrance and lobby. Studio 3 will be separated and accessed by the Cool Springs baseball entrance. Students with classes in studio 3 will use the locker rooms and line up for class in the back hallway. Class start and end times have been staggered with breaks between some classes strategically scheduled for flow and cleaning.

With the limited class size policy in place, drop in and make up classes must be requested and scheduled in advance.

Our lobby furniture, excluding the main desk, has been removed. Only DCP students are permitted to occupy our lobby. However, families do have access to the main Cool Springs lobby where they can view Studio 1. Students with breaks between classes are asked to congregate in the Cool Springs lobby as well. This area has also been cleared of all tables/chairs and the snack bar was removed.

Participants should be dropped off no more than 5 minutes before class start time and picked up promptly at the end of their class(es). Some classes will dismiss 2-3 minutes early to allow for necessary disinfection procedures. Please remain in your car and use the drive-up lane for drop off/pick up unless students age requires accompaniment into the building.

Screening and Mitigation

Students and faculty will be prompted to sanitize upon arrival. There is a sanitizer station outside of our main lobby doors and hand sanitizer is readily available throughout our facility. Student and faculty temperatures will be taken upon arrival screening for any result of 100.4 or higher.

“Street shoes” (any shoes worn outside of the studio) are strictly prohibited on dance floors. Sneakers worn for hip hop class should be designated “dance shoes” and only worn in the studio. “Street shoes” must be worn to the restroom.

Students and faculty will carry all belongings into the studio with them. Items should be secured in a bag to be stored along the perimeter with 6 foot spacing. Please bring only the necessities.

Students and faculty should bring personal reusable water bottles. The water fountain is not accessible however the bottle filler located in studio 3 and in the main Cool Springs lobby may be used.

Outside doors will be open in studio 3 when weather permits. Doors to studios 1 and 2 will remain open for additional airflow barring noise disruption.

All students over age 2 and faculty are required to wear a face mask.

Food and drinks other than water are not permitted in the dance studios.

Cleaning Protocol

Dance studios, high touch surfaces, barres and DCP lobby will undergo continuous sanitization throughout class times. Dance floors will be sanitized each day.

Student and Faculty Responsibility

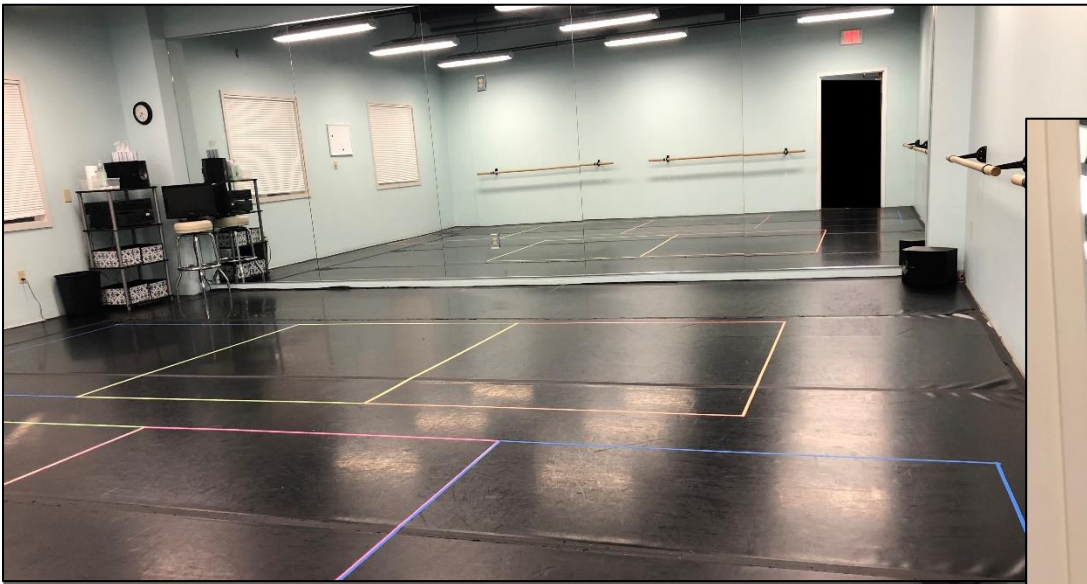
If a student, faculty member, or anyone in their household experiences symptoms of illness they should stay home. A return to DCP is permitted once fever free (without medication) for 24 hours.

If a student, faculty member, or anyone in their household has been in close contact (less than 6 feet for more than 15 minutes) with a person tested positive for COVID-19, DCP should be alerted. DCP will provide virtual classes for that student and ask that they self-quarantine for 14 days or until they receive a negative test result.

If a student or faculty member tests positive for COVID-19, a detailed response plan will go into effect on a case by case basis. Although we are confident in our safety precautions and cleaning protocol, we are prepared for a fluid transition to virtual classes should a period of shutdown be necessary.

All pertinent information will be transparently shared with DCP families.

All participants and faculty must agree to be forthright and true with The Dance Conservatory of Pittsburgh in order to participate.



**CLEARLY DESIGNATED
SPACING LARGER THAN 6 FEET**



**OPEN AND CLEAR LOBBY
ALLOWING FOR FLOW
AND SOCIAL DISTANCING**



**BALLET BARRE POSITIONS
ASSIGNED AT 6 FOOT
SPACING**

