

Hello Debbi's Dance, Etc. families,

Gov. Jay Inslee announced that the statewide indoor mask mandate will end at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, March 11 in most settings.

Barring any new requirement from our local health department, **wearing a face-covering will become optional starting Saturday, March 12, 2022 at Debbi's Dance, Etc.**, regardless of vaccination status. Most of our other covid safety precautions will continue to be followed at this time, including:

- Stay home if you are sick, exhibiting any covid symptoms or exposed to covid.
- Please sign-in upon entering the studio verifying you are symptom free and haven't been exposed to covid.
- Our waiting areas will remain closed except for one parent/guardian of new & young dancers. Please continue to limit siblings as much as possible.
- Face coverings will continue to be provided for those who would like one.

Please be aware that masks and negative test results and/or proof of vaccination may still be required at venues Debbi's Dance, Etc. is scheduled to perform.

For example, effective 3/16/22, the Washington Center for the Performing Arts, which is where we are planning to perform our end of the season Recitals, June 16-18, **will require performers and anyone backstage and in dressing room areas to have proof of vaccine or a negative COVID test, as well as mask when not actively performing.** *Performers UNDER THE AGE OF 5, will not be required to show proof of vaccination or a negative test, but will be required to mask when not actively performing.* Audience members will no longer be required to show proof of vaccination or a negative test for ticket to enter the venue. Audience members will still be encouraged, not required, to wear masks while in the facility.

While face coverings are no longer required in our setting, the Department of Health guidance states there may be situations when staff, students and visitors may be temporarily required by state or local health officials to wear masks. This may occur, for example, during a COVID-19 outbreak in a class or with a group of students. If this occurs, we will communicate directly to families and students required to comply with any additional mitigation practices.

It's very important to our dance community that we are *respectful of the choice that each individual student and family will make* when deciding what to do once the mandate is over. Please do not make assumptions about, or comment on, someone else's beliefs or health status. Please review our our policies with your dancer(s) and talk to them about whether you would like them to mask around the dance studio. It will not be the responsibility of Debbi's Dance teachers, staff or volunteers to enforce masking unless required by the Department of Health.

Thank you,
Michelle Hager & Andrea Patton
Owners
Debbi's Dance, Etc.

Debbi's Dance, Etc. Covid Protocols

as of 3/12/22

While masking is optional starting March 12, 2022, we ask that you respect each individual's personal choice regarding whether or not to wear a mask and follow these protocols while visiting Debbi's Dance, Etc.:

Please stay home if you are sick.

Please do not enter the dance studio you have been diagnosed with COVID-19 (have not recovered or are still within the required quarantine), had symptoms of COVID-19 (within the last 24 hours), or had contact with a person who has or is suspected to have COVID-19. Students or staff members who test positive for COVID-19 must remain at home and follow the CDC and Department of Health isolation protocols.

Face Coverings

Face coverings will continue to be provided for those who would like one and may still be required after the statewide mask mandate is lifted for those who recently tested positive for COVID-19, were identified as a close contact for someone with COVID-19, or for other reasons identified by the state Department of Health (DOH) or a local health officer.

Waiting areas closed.

The dance studio is currently open to registered dancers taking class and ONE parent/guardian of new & young dancers. Please limit siblings waiting inside the dance studio as much as possible.

Sign-In

Upon entering the studio, please sign in, sanitize your hands, and confirm you are symptom free and haven't been exposed to COVID-19.

Water Bottles & Food

Dancers need to bring their own water bottles. Please do not share water bottles between dancers. Small cups are available complimentary at the front desk and bottled water is available for purchase at the front desk for \$1 exact cash/change. Dancers may bring healthy, non-messy snacks in their dance bag to eat in between classes. We will continue to have chairs and markings indicating 6 ft separation and recommend dancers maintain this distance while snacking and waiting for class.

What to bring, What to wear, What not to bring...

Dancers should arrive in dancewear with hair pulled back and secured out of their face. To help maintain social distancing requirements, dancers need to leave large bags at home and carry their items with them to class. Spaces 6 ft apart are designated around the perimeter of each dance room for dancer water bottles, shoes, and/or small bags.

Hand Hygiene

Please sanitize hands upon entering the dance studio. Hand sanitizer is available at the studio entrance and inside each dance room and dancers will be asked to sanitize hands throughout class.

Dance Footwear Required

Shoes designated for dance class or socks with grips on the bottom are required for dance classes. No sneakers worn outside or bare feet are permitted during class.

Class Times / Arrival Times / Dance Breaks

Most class times are 50 minutes to allow time for teachers to sanitize dance rooms and equipment in between each class. Please drop off and pick up dancers as close to class times as possible. We want to limit the amount of people inside the studio and ask parents to pick up dancers during their "dance breaks" longer than an hour.

Waiting for Class

Social distancing guidelines of at least six feet of separation is encouraged to the greatest extent possible. A limited number of chairs are placed 6 ft apart throughout the dance studio for students who have a break or are waiting for class to start. Students may be invited into classrooms early if the teacher is present and room is disinfected and ready. Dancers may bring healthy snacks in their dance bags to eat while waiting for class to start. Please no sharing food.

Sanitizing Equipment

Dance and gymnastics equipment will be sanitized after each use and dancers will be asked to sanitize hands before and after using equipment such as barres and mats. Dancers may be asked to do their part in helping to clean dance equipment if needed during class.

How to Handle Payments/Questions

We hope to open our front desk for select hours leading up to recital. In the meantime, please continue to utilize our online portal for payments and email for questions. Owners Andrea Patton & Michelle Hager will be checking and responding to the dance studio voicemail (360-456-6350) and email (5678@DebbisDanceEtc.com) daily M-F, in addition to teaching classes. We will try our best to respond within 48 hours..

3 ways to pay:

1. Pay in full online - Go to www.DebbisDanceEtc.com, and click on the "Register/Payments" button to log into your online account. If you've been receiving email from us, but haven't logged in before, simply click "forgot password" to set up your password and access your account.
2. Pay any amount by phone: Send us an email at 5678@debbisdanceetc.com to coordinate this option.
3. Mail or drop off a check payable to Debbi's Dance, Etc. to 6715 Martin Way E, Olympia, WA 98516

Performances at other Venues

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Thank you! Please don't hesitate to email us at 5678@debbisdanceetc.com if you have any questions.