

COVID 19 POLICY

26th January 2022



All Aspect Motion School of Dance (AMSD) students and their parents and/or guardians must comply with the AMSD COVID-19 Safety Policy and associated procedures as listed below.

At AMSD, we take very seriously the position and role we play for young people in our community. We are committed to maintaining best practices in relation to hygiene standards, and will always strive to make our environment safe, supportive, nurturing and joyous for our students.

Resuming our operations means that we will need to run a little differently to how we have in the past. These measures are in line with current government guidelines and will be regularly reviewed and updated, as necessary.

Our COVID-19 Safety Policies and Procedures have been developed using Work Safe and Ausdance best practice guidelines. The Ausdance Return to Dance guidelines can be viewed at <https://www.ausdancevic.org.au/resources-from-ausdance-vic>

Enrolment and participation at *Aspect Motion School of Dance* is based on agreement to the following Terms and Conditions:

1. ILLNESS PROTOCOL

1.1 Students, parents and staff **MUST NOT** attend AMSD classes if they:

1.1.1 Please see the following website for COVID-19 symptoms:

<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/victorian-public-coronavirus-disease-covid-19>

1.1.2 Have been in contact with an individual who has tested positive to COVID-19 in the past 14 days.

1.1.3 Have been in contact with an individual who has been tested for COVID-19 but are awaiting results

1.2 Any individual who has attended AMSD **MUST** notify our office via email if they have tested positive for COVID-19.

1.3 AMSD reserves the right to refuse entry to any student, parent or teacher who presents with any symptoms as per above.

2. HYGIENE PRACTICES

2.1 Hand sanitiser, soap, disposable hand towels and tissues will be provided in the studios and bathrooms.

2.2 All persons who enter the studio will be required sanitise their hands upon entry and exit.

2.3 The studio and all areas of the building will be deep cleaned and sanitised daily. This will include wiping down "high-touch" surfaces in between each class including barres, door handles and handrails.

2.4 There will be no use of communal props in class.

2.5 Where possible, doors will remain open to avoid the touching of door handles.

2.6 Students are not permitted to bring tablets, food or toys to share with other students.

2.7 Signage and social distancing markers will be displayed throughout the building.

3. STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES

3.1 All staff will undertake Australian Government COVID-19 Infection Control Training and will remain up to date with government guidelines and best practice, in relation to hygiene and infection control.

3.2 All staff will receive formal training in AMSD COVID-19 procedures.

3.3 Staff will remind students of the importance of good hand washing hygiene and ask all students to sanitise hands before and after each class, and after bathroom breaks.

3.4 Parents/carers will be called for immediate pick up if a student presents as unwell.

3.5 AMSD staff will fully supervise all students during drop off and pick up times, to eliminate the need for parents/carers to enter the building.

3.6 Staff will not come into the studio if they are unwell.

4. DROP OFF AND PICK UP PROCEDURE

4.1 Everyone 18 years and over entering the venue must be fully vaccinated and must show proof of COVID-19 vaccination or a signed medical exemption (IM011 Form) as a condition of entry to your COVID check in marshal.

4.2 Regardless of age, all people entering the studio are required to use the QR code to check in. If your child does not have a phone, parents can check them in using the QR codes on the front windows or students will be able to use the QR Kiosk at the front desk to check themselves in. They will need a parent's phone number for this. Students using the QR Kiosk must sanitise their hands before and after using the ipad. Please note that this is a requirement from the Victorian Government.

4.3 Parents of **school aged students WILL NOT** be permitted inside the premises (unless discussed with Tracy).

4.3.1 Students aged 11 years and over may enter/exit the building independently to and from their parent's car.

4.3.2 Students under 10 years must be accompanied by a parent to and from the **front door of the building**, where a member of staff will escort them to the studio.

4.4 **Pre-School students** may be accompanied into the studio by **ONE fully vaccinated** parent/carer only.

4.5 Parents/carers who enter the building will be required to:

4.5.1 Sanitise hands upon arrival and exiting,

4.5.2 Adhere to social distancing,

4.5.3 Check In using the QR code for contact tracing requirements and show the covid marshal their vaccination certificate

4.5.4 Refrain from bringing siblings on site. Should a parent need to bring other children to the studio, you will be required to drop your child at their class and then wait in your car or go for a walk etc.

4.6 Parents/carers are to be punctual at pick/up drop off times, so to avoid students needing to stay in waiting areas.

4.7 Students are not permitted to be dropped off early or picked up late.

5. STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

5.1 Refrain from any unnecessary body contact and abide by the social distancing practices in place at the studio (e.g. hugging, high five etc).

6. USE OF FACILITIES

6.1 Students are to follow signage to studios. Please do not enter a studio until you are advised by a teacher.

6.2 The waiting area inside the studio is closed, all parents/carers are asked to drop and go, wait in cars or go for a walk (Preschooler parents exempts as stated above).

6.3 The Change room is closed.

6.4 Toilet facilities are open however students are encouraged to use the toilet before and after class at home, if possible.

7. MISSED AND CANCELLED CLASSES

7.1 If Government-imposed restrictions require AMSD to close our doors once again, we will revert to immediate online learning platforms. By re-enrolling with AMSD you are agreeing to this approach and understand that you will not be refunded for any fees paid.

8. MASKS

Aspect Motion School of Dance Mask Wearing Policy

This policy is in line with the current DHHS guidelines as at 26th January 2022. The AMSD Mask wearing policy will be reviewed and updated in line with advice provided by the Victorian Chief Health Officer.

8.1 Mask Wearing Guidelines for AMSD Staff

8.1.1 AMSD Staff members will wear fitted face masks at all times in and around AMSD facilities.

WILL FACE MASKS BE MANDATORY FOR TEACHERS/ EARLY LEARNING/ DAY CARE/ KINDER?

It is not compulsory for teachers, educators and carers to wear face masks while teaching or caring for children as they can interfere with their ability to clearly communicate with students. Teachers, educators and carers can choose to wear face masks if they wish when in the classroom/ facility or when teaching or providing care for children.

Teachers, educators and carers should wear face masks in other areas of the school/ facility when not teaching.

8.2 Mask Wearing Guidelines for AMSD Students

- Students under 8 are not mandated to wear a mask indoors
- Students 8 years and over are required to wear a mask, they may take them off during strenuous exercise.
- Students over 8 with a medical exemption are not required to wear

Relevant excerpt from DHHS <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/face-masks-vic-covid-19>

DO I HAVE TO WEAR A FACE MASK WHILE EXERCISING?

If you are doing exercise or physical activity where you are out of breath or puffing, such as jogging or running, you do not need to wear a face mask. You do have to carry a face mask with you so you can wear it before or after exercising, unless you have a lawful exception.

8.3 Mask Wearing Guidelines for Parents and Carers

A condition of entry to the Aspect Motion School of Dance studios is that all parents and carers must wear a face mask, sanitise hands, and practice social distancing. In line with DHHS guidelines you must wear a fitted face mask that covers the nose and mouth.

Relevant excerpt from DHHS <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/face-masks-vic-covid-19>

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<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/face-masks-vic-covid-19#lawful-excuses-or-exceptions-for-not-wearing-a-face-mask>

9. VACCINATION

Everyone 18 years and over entering the venue must be fully vaccinated and must show proof of COVID-19 vaccination or a signed medical exemption (IM011 Form) as a condition of entry to your COVID check in marshal. Please note that this is a Victorian Government mandate.

CONTACT

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