

RDC 2021-22 online/in-person hybrid class plan!

RDC's goal at this time is to provide in-person dance instruction to as many dancers as we can, while being extremely safe. Although we know some families may still prefer to dance at home online, we are transitioning away from Zoom classes as much as we can. We've done Zoom classes for the last 17 months and although we made it happen and it kept us connected, Zoom fatigue for our dancers and teachers was very real. We can accommodate dancers who are immuno-compromised or have immediate family members who are, but we are offering in-person instruction as often as we can.

RDC is offering in-person classes! Here's what's currently available, starting on 9/20/2021:

- We're offering weekly in-person only classes for 9-10 students at time.
- We're offering in-person/Zoom hybrid classes for classes that have more than the allotted 9/10 dancer limit. Your dancer will dance at home on Zoom one week a month and come to class in-person three weeks per month. Hybrid classes are highlighted in yellow in our schedule.

RDC is taking the safety of our dancers, families and staff VERY seriously. We're following all state and CDC guidelines exactly and doing more than is required. We've reviewed and edited our plan numerous times and we feel confident at this time that we can manage in-person classes very safely. If something changes with the guidelines or dancers/their families are not able to follow our rules, we'll adjust our plan accordingly and may not allow some or all dancers to take class in person.

Based on the square footage of our spaces and state guidelines around social distancing for K-12 students, we're currently able to 9-11 dancers in-person at a time! We know every family is unique and have different feelings about COVID-19 and safety. In order to help you make the best decision for your family, we've included our high-level in-person class plan below!

General in-person class information

- Currently, we can have up to 11 dancers in-person in studio A at a time, and up to 9/10 dancers in-person in studio B, at a time.
- There will be two RDC staff/teachers in the space at all times.
- Classes for ages 3-6 are limited in size to ensure that every dancer is in-person every week.
- Most classes for ages 7 and up are also in-person every week.
- Based on class demand, we do have a few classes that are hybrid (rotating in-person and Zoom). This ensures that we can accommodate all dancers who want to enroll in the class. Each dancer will be on Zoom taking class from home once per month and in-person three times per month.

How do the Hybrid in-person classes work and how do I know when my dancer needs to be there?

- Dancers are assigned their in-person weeks on a pre-set schedule that's sent via email and posted to the COVID-19 page of our website (orange button). Don't worry, we'll send you weekly email reminders!
- If your dancer has multiple classes, your dancer may take all of their in-person classes in the same week, or may be split between multiple weeks.
- If you have multiple dancers in your family in the same class, your dancers will be assigned the same weeks to limit contact. If they are in different classes, we cannot guarantee that your dancers will be here in-person the same weeks.

Added safety policies and disinfecting policies for in-person classes:

- Illness/COVID-19 symptoms
 - We will not allow any dancer, family member or staff who have been exposed or believe to have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, or who have a fever or any symptoms that could be related to COVID-19, in to RDC for in-person classes. You must notify us immediately and quarantine themselves away from RDC for 14 days, regardless of a negative test. That means dancing from home on Zoom!
 - If any dancer, family member or staff has any illness/cold/allergy symptoms, they should not come to RDC, and dance at home until the symptoms subside or you have a negative test, to be safe.
- All our staff and teachers have gone through a COVID-19 specific disinfecting and policy training before they have any contact with dancers. All of the RDC staff and teachers have been vaccinated.
- The lobbies in both spaces will be completely closed. No parents or family members will be allowed inside the studio. Dancers and staff only.
- Your dancer must be accompanied by their guardian when they arrive. You may not drop your student off and leave or remain in your car.

- Parents must sign a COVID-19 waiver before their first class each week in order for their dancer to be admitted into the studio.
- RDC staff and dancers will be turned away if they have a fever or present any symptoms of illness.
- All dancers will enter through our main doors and exit out the dance room doors, so there will be no contact with other dancers or parents during the class transition.
- All dancers, parents and staff must wear masks at all times. Since we'll be dancing indoors, dancers will be required to wear masks while they dance.
- We've added 5 minutes between each class to allow for proper disinfecting and to make sure there is no contact between students within the class transition.
 - Between every class, we'll thoroughly disinfect high touch items – Dance props, Acro mats and Ballet barres. [Click here to see the Benefect Botanical Decon 30\(non-toxic, EPA approved\) disinfectant we'll be using!](#)
- Between each bathroom use, RDC staff will disinfect the bathroom.
- In the lobbies/dressing rooms and dance rooms, we have no-touch hand sanitizer dispensers.
- In the bathrooms, we have no-touch hand soap and paper towel dispensers.
- In the lobbies and dance rooms, we've divided the space with color X's that are spaced out 6 feet from others.
- When the weather allows, we'll leave the windows and doors open in our dance rooms while classes are going.
- We do not have an HVAC system that we can upgrade in either dance room, but we have purchased two air purifiers for both dance rooms, that will stand in the middle of the room, between the dancers. Our air purifiers have HEPA 13 filters and will clean the air every 10-15 minutes.
 - [Click here to see the Medify Air MA-112 air purifiers](#) we've purchased.
 - "By itself, air cleaning or filtration is not enough to protect people from exposure to the virus that causes COVID-19. When used along with other best practices recommended by CDC and others (masks, distancing and sanitizing), filtration can be part of a plan to protect people indoors". [Click here to read information from the EPA about air purifiers and COVID-19.](#)

We have a very detailed class and age specific plan laid out with arrival and departure instructions and all sorts of rules about what dancers and families can and cannot do while at RDC for our in-person classes. Check that out on the COVID-19 page!

How do I let RDC know if my dancer or family member is immune-compromised and must dance online only?

During the registration process, you'll need to confirm if you'd like your dancer to do only online classes. If you're already registered for a class, follow these instructions:

1. When you [log in to your account](#) to register, go to the menu option (3 horizontal bars) in the top left corner.
2. Choose the 'Edit Student Info' option and click the grey 'Edit' button in the bottom left corner for each of your dancers.
3. Answer the question about whether your dancer would like to dance online only. If you answer yes to this question, we'll reach out to get more information from you!