



Ovation Studios Reopening Plans & Procedures

Ovation Studios will continue the use of Zoom (we have amazing new Zoom stations in every studio!) for any families that are more comfortable dancing from home. We will also utilize zoom for any make-ups or if we are unable to hold in person classes for any reason.

We are also installing new hand sanitizing stations, plexiglass dividers, floor based 0.3 micron air filtration systems in each room and state of the art ionic air scrubbers installed in the HVAC system. Spaces, lines and traffic flow will be clearly defined for each studio.

Any questions or concerns about the policies below should be addressed to contact@ovationstudios.com

Ovation Studios retains the rights to adjust, update and eliminate these policies in accordance with county regulations, state regulations and CDC guidelines as we see fit. Ovation staff will do its best to mitigate the risk of exposure to COVID-19. Families and others participating in any Ovation activities at the studio or at any other location assume all liability and risk of COVID-19 exposure or possible infection.

- **General Safety Updates & Announcements:**

- ★ Staff will perform temperature checks before arriving at the studio, are required to wash hands thoroughly throughout the day and will be properly distanced from each other and from dancers.
- ★ All staff are required to wear masks.
 - Mask use is currently required by county guidelines and all staff members and students will be required to wear one until further notice.
- ★ Ovation Studios dancers will have access to hand sanitizing stations and may be permitted or required to leave to wash their hands as needed.
- ★ Use of the water fountain is barred, students need to provide their own water for class.
- ★ No student or staff will be permitted to be barefoot or wear any dance shoes that do not completely cover the feet until further notice.
- ★ Ovation Studios will be unable to provide access to Bethesda Dance Supply or any retail until further notice.
 - Retail sales will continue directly with Bethesda Dance Supply. Contact: Jason@BethesdaDanceSupply.com.
- ★ Shoes to borrow and lost and found are suspended until further notice. Any item left behind at the end of the day will be disposed of, including water bottles.

- ★ Teachers will disinfect all multi-touch surfaces between classes. Floors will be disinfected at the end of the day, unless touch up cleanings are required after certain classes that require floor work.
- **Arriving at Ovations:**
 - ★ Dancers should arrive with a **small drawstring bag**, dressed in their dancewear and ready for classes. Cover-ups are still required for entering or exiting the studio but should be able to fit inside their small bag. *The dressing room, cubbies or hallway storage will not be available for use for any students.*
 - ★ Each student and guardian (plus any sibling over 24 months) **must** be wearing a mask that properly covers the nose and mouth while waiting in our distanced lines and/or to be admitted to the lobby area(s).
 - Please note, only dancers and staff will be permitted in studios and lobbies. Parents, guardians and siblings are asked to remain outside of the studio.
 - If your student is unable to use the restroom unassisted AND UNESCORTED- including using the sink in the restroom - parents must remain in the hallway outside of the studios for the duration of your dancer's class. Staff will no longer be able to accompany students to the restroom, although we will have staff placed in a way to monitor the entrance to the restroom. There is a maximum occupancy for the restroom of two people.
 - Please note, Ovations will require all families registering for any activities at Ovations to waive liability relating to use of the restroom and acknowledge that there will be no escorting to or from the restroom even for younger children. Because of this, we will require parents of children under age 9 to remain just outside of the studio to assist with their own children if necessary.
 - ★ Classes will have staggered start and end times for our various studios to reduce traffic flow inside the lobby areas. Doors will be open to the main lobby 5 minutes before scheduled class time. Dancers who arrive more than 5 minutes before class start time should queue in the hallway and will be checked into class by their teachers through the hallway doors.
 - ★ All dancers will be temperature checked upon arrival, with no one being admitted with a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher. We strongly recommend that each student is temperature checked at home before they come to the studio to prevent any surprises. If anyone in your household has a fever or is displaying potential COVID symptoms, your dancer should participate in zoom class from home or schedule a zoom make-up at a later date.
 - ★ Dancers will remove street shoes before or as they enter and place them in a sealable bag they bring from home (i.e., a 2 gallon ziploc bag) on the designated rolling cart, then proceed to a marked spot in the line assigned to their classroom. We encourage students to wear shoes that can slip on and off over top of shoes for ballet at least in order to keep things moving and to minimize contact with the floor when changing shoes.

- **Classroom Procedures:**

- ★ Teachers will check in dancers one at a time, dancers will proceed to their individual space.
 - Barres will have marked spaces at appropriate distance, squares will be marked in the centre at appropriate distance, and spots at edges of the room will be marked as a queue for across the floor combinations.
 - Any Ballet student in level B or above will need to provide an individual barre cover as per included instructions.
 - Ballet A and lower will do centre barre to minimize barre use.
 - Any Pointe Prep student will need to provide an individual yoga mat or towel to prevent unnecessary contact with the floor. Their theraband can be wrapped inside their yoga mat or towel.
 - All modern and lyrical students are required to wear dance socks or shoes, no students may take class in bare feet.
- ★ Masks must be worn per county requirements during classes.
 - If your dancer has a pre-existing condition and is unable to wear a mask, we respectfully ask that they participate via zoom from home.
- ★ Anyone needing to use tissues must go to the bathroom to do so, both to minimize respiratory droplets in the classroom and to wash their hands after.

- **Dismissal Procedures:**

- ★ Classes will have staggered arrival and dismissal times, as well as clearly marked paths, to ensure safety upon dismissal.
 - Dancers who take multiple genres and need to change shoes will be allowed to do so in their assigned distanced spot in the studio before queuing for their next class. Pointe students should bring a small drawstring bag with their personal pointe needs to class and will have room to store them inside the studio.
- ★ Teachers must dismiss in a timely fashion for each class in order to allow students time to gather their belongings and remain at an appropriate distance from one another as they leave .
- ★ Students will retrieve their street shoes from the carts in the building hallways and will remove their dance shoes before leaving.
- ★ **Permission Needed on File:** Students age 9 and up may exit the studios to the parking lots to meet guardians at their cars.
 - Students under 9 must be met by a guardian in the building hallways or outside the doors by the main entrance. If no parent or guardian is waiting at the end of class, students must wait in the hallways outside of the lobby. We will do our best to station a staff member near the main doors to monitor the outside hallway, but cannot guarantee full coverage if children are dropped off early or picked up late.

- **Exposure Procedures:**

- ★ Any student who is exhibiting potential Covid-19 symptoms, such as fever or respiratory symptoms, or has a household member showing possible symptoms should remain at home and participate in class via Zoom.
- ★ Any student who begins to exhibit symptoms while at the studio will be asked to isolate in Studio 6. Front desk staff will call their parents for immediate pickup.