

Cascade Dance Academy's Covid-19 plan and policies - subject to change as guidelines change!

-Employees will take their temperatures before coming in to the studio each day, and will be asked to stay home if they have any symptoms of Covid-19 until those symptoms are gone or they have had a negative Covid-19 test. A touchless thermometer will be available at the studio if needed. In the event a teacher is not feeling well and needs to stay home, if we are not able to find a sub the class may be held with the students at the studio or at home and the teacher at home on Zoom, or with the students at the studio(with supervision) or at home following a virtual class.

-Please screen your student for any Covid-19 symptoms before sending them to the studio. Any student who appears to not feel well or reports any symptoms will be isolated and sent home. In addition, any student who has had any possible exposure to Covid-19 will not be permitted at the studio for two weeks, or until they have had a negative test result.

-We will be keeping both of our exterior doors open as much as weather permits, as well as our interior studio doors to increase ventilation throughout the building. This will not always be possible with our youngest classes as the temptation of running into the lobby may prove too much...

-Parents will not be allowed in wait or watch in the lobby. They will only be allowed in the building if they have a question for the office or need to make a purchase, and then they must be wearing a mask. For young classes, if a parent needs to come in to get them settled into class, that is permitted, and once classes are under way we will be exploring rotating 'observation weeks' so a family member has an opportunity to observe. If you have a younger dancer, please bring them to the front door and a staff member will welcome them in and help them get settled and ready for class! At the end of class, you can wait outside for them, or come in to the lobby briefly (with a mask) to help them change their shoes and such.

-We will be following King County guidelines on masks , meaning our Baby Ballet and Creative Movement students do not need to wear them, but all other students must have masks for class. We understand that this may be difficult with the cardio aspect of dance. We will be taking things slower than normal and allowing for mask/water breaks during class. In our older class we may be allowing portions of class without a mask, but dancers should consider it similar to high-altitude or resistance training. It will be hard at first, but get easier and make them stronger in the long run! Staff will be wearing masks. If your dancer (or you) do not have a mask with them, we will provide them with one and charge \$2 to your account.

-Our drinking fountain will be for bottle fill only – no drinking directly from the fountain so every dancer needs to bring a bottle. If your dancer needs water, we will have bottled water for purchase at \$2/bottle.

-Staff will do their best to maintain social distancing in class – dancers will be given their own spot to stand in to keep everyone spread out. In the event that we do have to make contact (a young dancer falls down, or needs assistance) we will immediately sanitize both parties afterwards. Some corrections can really only be given hands-on, although we will try to limit those as much as possible. **If you prefer that we be completely hands-off with your dancer (age 7 and up as sometimes we will have no choice but to touch our littler ones) please let us know in writing.**

-We are increasing our cleaning procedures for all common areas and have purchased a steam mop for our dance floors. We will be wiping down door handles and barres frequently. Props used in class (primarily Creative Movement and Pre Ballet) will be cleaned in between uses

-Classes will be released **5 minutes** before their official end time so we have less overlap in our lobby and to allow time for cleaning.

-Dancers with a break between classes will be asked to maintain social distancing while waiting in the lobby and are encouraged to go home for the break instead if possible.

-Please bring as little as possible to the studio and come dressed and ready to dance. Cubbies will be cleaned throughout the day.