

# WYNYARD SCHOOL OF DANCE COVID-19 GUIDELINES FOR MEMBERSHIP 2021-2022

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Wynyard School of Dance cannot eliminate all risks of COVID-19 spread in our studio. It is our intention to eliminate the risk as much as possible. Individuals have the responsibility to enter our studio space by washing/sanitizing their hands. If you have any symptoms stay home. All dancers/parents are expected to self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms. Use of the online Saskatchewan <u>COVID-19 Self Assessment Tool</u> is recommended.

Main Studio – Arts and Culture Centre (ACC) Secondary Studio – Civic Centre (CC)

#### ACC areas that are off limits during regular studio hours:

- o Kitchen only access for user group teacher/instructors.
- o Common area couches will be removed
- o Change Room– is closed. Dancers MUST come changed and ready to dance.

#### Attendance and Signage

- Dancers will be screened visually upon arrival.
- Parents will be encouraged to keep their dancer at home if they show any signs or symptoms of COVID-19.
- If your child says they aren't feeling well in class, the parent will be contacted to come pick the child up immediately. Dancers will not be allowed to sit out and watch for a short time to see if symptoms pass.
- Attendance will be taken in class.
- Anyone entering the studio will be reminded to follow protocols to maintain properly sanitized surroundings and selves (washing hands, coughing into elbow, no sharing, etc.).
- Signs will be posted within the studio making it clear as to what is expected.

#### Sanitation and Disinfecting

• Sanitation stations (hand sanitizer) will be placed in the front entrance as well as the back entrance of ACC Centre. Sanitizer will also be at the entrance of the Civic Centre. Everyone will be expected to comply with sanitation requirements upon entering the studio.

• Sanitizing of high touch areas will be done in between every 2 - 3 classes daily. This will include bars and door handles.

#### **Traffic Flow and Spacing**

- Only dancers, instructors and scheduled volunteers will be allowed in the studio/building during studio hours.
  - Parents of children under the age of 6 may drop off and pick up in the building but must not remain in the building during instructional time. Proper physical distancing must be followed.
- Entry and exit to the studio will be separate and clearly marked.
  - o ENTER (drop off) at the front entrance
  - o **EXIT** (pick up) at the back door. Parents should be arriving for pick up at dismissal time. This is especially important in the winter months as students are not able to wait inside the porch.
- Dancers are not required to dance in "boxes" this year, however this is subject to change throughout the year.

#### Scheduling

• Consideration will be taken to split classes if a group size feels too large for the space. Classes will be split under the discretion of the instructor and with the best interest of the dancers in mind to maintain growth and enjoyment of the genre.

#### **Dancer Expectations**

- No waiting in the building Dancers must remain outside the building until their scheduled dance time. A sign will be posted on the exterior door inviting dancers into the building and will be turned from "NEXT CLASS, PLEASE WAIT" to say, "NEXT CLASS, WELCOME" once all dancers arrive. This is to avoid congestion in the porches and hallways. If weather is an issue, then children may be invited into the building early with proper social distancing practices in place.
- Arrive "Ready to Dance" Students <u>must</u> arrive dressed and ready to dance. The change room will be locked. Wynyard School of Dance is not responsible for children's safety until their scheduled dance time and the instructor has flipped the sign to invite them into the building. A friendly reminder to social distance yourself while waiting outside the studio.
- Food/Snacks are allowed in the studio in between dance classes, however please be respectful of the space. Please pack easy to eat/quick snacks that don't make a big mess. Students may remove masks for snacks and water, but please maintain distance from other dancers when doing so.
- We are a NUT FREE facility. Please be mindful of this when sending snacks. We have dancers that have severe allergies to nuts.
- Hair Students MUST have their hair pulled back

- Water Bottles Students will be encouraged to bring their own water bottles. It is recommended that they bring two or more, as there will be no access to refill the bottle with water.
- **Personal Belongings** The dance club will provide each registered dancer with a bin to place their belongings in (ie. Dance shoes, jazz shorts, snacks, water bottles, jackets, outdoor shoes, etc.). Snack wrappers will also be taken home in their bins. These bins will be expected to be transported to and from the studio each class by individuals. Please sanitize these buckets at home regularly.
- **Cell Phones** Dancers will be asked to leave their cell phones in their bags/bins upon arrival.

#### Cleaning

• The custodian will do a thorough clean of the ACC daily. If more cleaning/sanitizing is required throughout the year, time will be added. This may affect the schedule slightly if additional cleaning needs to be added throughout the year.

### Masks

• Masks are mandatory when entering the studio and until leaving the ACC. The need for masks will continually be monitored throughout the year.

## Illness (Covid-19)

- Watch your child for any symptoms of illness. Symptoms should be disclosed to the instructor or by email to the executive.
- If a member of WSD tests positive for COVID-19, SHA recommendations/guidelines will be followed.

#### Waiver

• A waiver will be signed by the parent/guardian or by the dancer (over 18), at the time of registration

## Used Shoe and Clothing Sale

- WSD will not be hosting used shoe and clothing sale this year. We encourage membership to continue to sell their items on the Facebook group <u>Wynyard Dance Buy and Sell</u> as used items are appreciated.
- There are also dance shoes available for purchase at the Wynyard Kidsport office. They have a variety of sizes of tap, ballet and jazz shoes for \$10 per pair or trade.

We want our dance studio to continue to be a fun, safe and caring environment for your child. These guidelines have been decided as of Sept. 2nd, 2021 and

may change or be adjusted throughout the season as we see fit and as the <u>Government of Saskatchewan Plan</u> and recommendations for the Medical Health Officers continue to evolve. Thank you for your cooperation as we adjust to this new normal.

Questions or concerns? Text or Call: Debbie (Member at Large) at 306-560-7575 Email: info@wynyardschoolofdance.ca

