

thewashingtonschoolofballet

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COVID-19 SAFETY PROCEDURES AND PROTOCOLS

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PURPOSE AND GENERAL OVERVIEW

The purpose of the COVID-19 Safety Procedures and Protocols is to ensure the safety of all students, instructors, employees, volunteers and other authorized personnel of THE WASHINGTON SCHOOL OF BALLET (TWSB).

Parents, guardians and students are required to review these Safety Protocols to ensure that they fully understand what is required for their continued attendance this school year.

Parents and guardians should be diligent in monitoring their student's health daily. All classes in Level 1A and above will have the option of virtual attendance during all classes. If your child feels unwell he/she may attend virtually from home. Students in Creative Dance will have a pre-recorded class for at home use, and Pre-Ballet Division students will be able to attend the virtual only Pre-Ballet class if they are not able to attend their in-person class.

All students must come to the studio in uniform under outerwear and ready to begin class as there will be **no dressing room access**. Bag and clothing storage will be provided in each studio.

All TWSB faculty and staff are fully vaccinated and required to wear masks at all times.

All students are required to wear masks at all times.

Students 12 and up, eligible for vaccination, are strongly encouraged to be vaccinated. Students 12 and up must be fully vaccinated to participate in *The Nutcracker*.

TWSB reserves the right to convert a studio class to fully virtual as required.

Every student should bring their own water bottle.

ONLY STUDENTS, INSTRUCTORS, STAFF AND AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ARE PERMITTED IN THE BUILDING.

¹THESE SAFETY PROTOCOLS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED UPON UPDATES AND REVISIONS PROVIDED BY REQUISITE LOCAL, STATE AND/OR FEDERAL AGENCIES AS WELL AS ANY CHANGES SET FORTH BY THE SCHOOL.

COVID-19 OR OTHER ILLNESS

- The school will notify parents or guardians of any potential exposure. Any unvaccinated/partially vaccinated person who is masked is considered a close contact if they are within 6' of a positive case for a cumulative of 15 minutes in a 24 hours period.
 - o If an unvaccinated student or staff member is a close contact to someone who tests positive for COVID-19, they will be required to quarantine for at least 7 days. Students and staff may return to the classroom after 7 days if they take a COVID-19 test on or after day 5 and receive a negative result. Students and staff who do not take a test must quarantine for 10 days.
 - o Fully vaccinated members of the community exposed to a person who has tested positive do not need to quarantine, however, they are advised to monitor symptoms and get a COVID test 3-5 days from exposure.
- Any member of the TWSB community who tests positive for COVID-19 must alert TWSB immediately (emails are listed at the end of this document).
- Any member of the community who tests positive for COVID-19 must remain at home for at least ten (10) days. Before returning to classes any member must be fever free for twenty four (24) hours without the aid of medication.
- Parents or guardians of any student who begins to feel ill while at TWSB will be notified immediately and asked to promptly pick up their child. There will be a designated isolated space within each building location for the student to stay while awaiting pick up.
- TWSB will continue to follow the requirements and recommendations issued by the DC Department of Health and government authorities, as well as the guidelines set forth by the CDC when determining the most appropriate actions to take in order to keep our students, instructors, staff and members of our community safe.

BUILDING SAFETY AND CLEANING

The School will provide thorough, daily cleanings of the building, paying special attention to high-touch surfaces. Each studio will be cleaned using CDC approved products.

Disinfectants and cleaning supplies will be provided and stocked in each classroom for use. Barres and high touch areas will be wiped at the start of each class.

Bathrooms will be cleaned and sanitized regularly throughout the day.

Hand sanitizer stations will be available throughout the common areas of the building for convenience.

PARENT DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP TIMES CONTACT INFORMATION

Students will not be permitted entrance into the building **any earlier than 15 minutes** prior to their first class. At arrival, students will receive a temperature check and daily health questionnaire verification. Students will not be permitted upstairs without the health check.

Parents or guardians are expected to pick up their students promptly and, at least, within 10 minutes of their student's last scheduled class for the day. If you are running late, please call 202-889-8150.

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