



# Spotlight Dance Center

## Details & Modifications for the 2021-2022 Dance Season in response to the Covid-19 Pandemic

Spotlight Dance Center has adjusted our policies and procedures for the 2021-2022 season to mitigate risk to our students and staff based on information sourced from the WA State Dept of Health and King County Public Health as well as the Center for Disease Control.

Best practices for reducing the transmission of COVID-19 and information surrounding the virus continues to unfold over time. If and when recommendations or regulations change, we will update our response accordingly.

### Big Picture Guidance

1. All persons entering the studio age 5 & over will wear a face covering. SDC is continuing its existing requirement for all students 5 & over and employees to wear masks indoors because children under age 12 are not eligible for vaccination and the rise in COVID-19 cases due to the Delta variant. This requirement matches [CDC guidance](#) released on July 27, 2021.
2. A hand sanitizing station has been added to the lobby. Upon entering & exiting the facility all persons are encouraged sanitize their hands.
3. [Daily screening questions](#) will be shared via BAND at the beginning of the season and posted outside the studio. All persons will read and refrain from entering if they answer positively to any question.
4. No person will be allowed into the facilities if they:
  - a. Are not vaccinated and have been in close contact with someone who has confirmed or suspected COVID-19 in the last 14 days. Health care providers and EMS workers who don appropriate PPE have an exclusion.
  - b. are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19.

### Communication

We use the BAND app as our primary method of communication. Families are to keep current on all notifications. We suggest adjusting your settings, so you receive a push notification when a new post is made. Make sure you join BOTH the Studio Updates BAND and your individual class BANDs. In the event we need to disseminate information quickly we may also text, email or call. Families are responsible for making sure their current phone and email are listed in the client portal.

### Arriving for Class

Students should arrive no more than 5 minutes before class begins. Students will then proceed to a designated spot for their belongings.

### Pick-Up

Students must be picked up promptly and if able, allowed to go directly to the car. For very young children, one adult may enter 5 minutes before class ends to escort their child.

## Social Distancing

### Partnering

Limited physical touch will be permitted. Tactile feedback or manual corrects from instructors may occur. Dancers may opt out of physical feedback from instructor if they prefer.

### Capacity

All classes will follow current guidelines from local agencies regarding occupancy.

### Virtual Access

All classes may be attended fully virtually if preferred. Please notify the office if you need to attend virtually. If required by local agencies, SDC may need to transition all classes to a virtual format.

### Lobby Closure

Lobby use is restricted to students, staff and one parent per younger dancer as necessary. Unless requested by SDC staff parents should not wait in the lobby.

## Minimizing Transmission

### Water Bottles

Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle to class labeled with their name. Students with multiple classes are encouraged to bring 2 water bottles.

### Bathroom Use

Students are encouraged to use the bathroom before coming to class. Students should plan to arrive at the studio in their dance attire, including hairstyle that meets the dress code. Instructors will not be able to assist young children in the restroom. We will text parents of very young children to come in and assist them if required.

### Food

Only staff members and dancers on site for 2+ hrs are permitted to bring food into the facility. Desk staff may eat when they are alone in the office. Instructors may only eat during teaching breaks when they are the only ones in the studio or before or after their shift.

### Props

Any props used in class, including acro mats, will be disinfected after use.

## Cleaning Regimes

### Between Classes

After each class, instructors will disinfect all potential high touch areas in the lobby, studio and bathroom.

### Closing Routine

Once a day as part of closing procedures, the studio floors will be sanitized. Deep disinfecting of the floors will happen twice a week.

## Plans

### If symptoms develop while on site

If staff or a student develops symptoms consistent COVID-19 while on site, they will leave immediately or wait separated from others until they are picked up.

### Protocols

SDC has established protocols for what to do in the event a student or instructor is exposed, develops symptoms or tests positive for COVID-19. Please see our [COVID-19 Protocol Chart](#) for details.

If it becomes known a person in our facility tested positive for COVID-19 the following steps as well as any forthcoming guidelines from health officials will be taken:

1. All students and staff who may have come into contact with the person who tested positive will be notified.
2. SDC will perform disinfection protocols recommended by the CDC.
3. The identity of any infected person will not be released.

### Agreements

To keep us all safe and moving forward together, all participants and their families agree to abide by the [Expectations and Agreements](#) shared at the beginning of the season.

## Additional Considerations

### Personal Items

Dancers should only bring items necessary for their class into the studio. We suggest dancers bring a dance bag with their shoes, water bottle, jacket/cover-up, and an extra mask. Ballet students should also have extra hair pins, pre-pointe students their textbook and pointe students an emergency sewing kit.

### What if another lockdown happens?

We will transition to all virtual classes if necessary. As long as classes can be held, whether in studio or virtually, tuition will remain the same. While we will try to give as much notice as possible, all classes have potential to be virtual with 1.5-hour notice. If classes are not able to be held or made-up either in person or virtually, a credit or refund will be available.

## Resources (all info as of 8/28/20. Please check agencies for any updates).

Guidance on cloth face coverings from the WA State DoH:

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/ClothFacemasks.pdf>

What to do if you have confirmed or suspected COVID-19:

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/COVIDcasepositive.pdf>

What to do if you were potentially exposed to someone with COVID:

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/COVIDexposed.pdf>

King County's Information on COVID-19:

<https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/covid-19.aspx>

WA State DoH's Information on COVID-19:

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/emergencies/coronavirus>

Center for Disease Control's Information on COVID-19:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>