

The Pointe Dance Centre: Covid-19 Safety Guidelines

Dear students, parents and caregivers,

We can't wait to see you at The Pointe again in Stage 3! At the same time, we want to make sure that we're taking every precaution when it comes to the health and safety of our students, instructors and staff.

Here are the measures we're taking in order to protect our dance families and our community. (These measures will be updated regularly to remain in compliance with the requirements of the Ontario Government.)

Masks

- Masks will be worn by our staff and instructors at all times.
- Masks must be worn by all customers and students inside the facility at all times.
- Customers who are unable to wear a mask for any reason are asked to remain outside during drop off and pick up.
- Students who are unable to wear a mask for any reason are invited to participate virtually from the comfort of their home.

Social Distancing

- A strict class maximum will be enforced (numbers may vary according to the dimensions of the classroom and demands of the lesson).
- Only registered students may enter the building.
- Guests in the waiting room must remain socially distanced. (Priority will be given to adults accompanying children under 6 years old.)
- All outdoor belongings will be stored in designated areas.

- Space markers will be used in common areas and classrooms to maintain social distancing of 2 metres or more at all times.

Screening Procedures

Students and guests will be screened with the following questions upon entering the facility:

Have you had close contact with anyone with acute respiratory illness?

Have you travelled outside of Ontario in the past 14 days?

Do you have a confirmed case of COVID-19?

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Do you have any of the following symptoms:

- *Fever*
- *New onset of cough*
- *Worsening chronic cough*
- *Shortness of breath*
- *Difficulty breathing*
- *Sore throat*
- *Difficulty swallowing*
- *Decrease or loss of sense of taste or smell*
- *Chills*
- *Headaches*
- *Unexplained fatigue/malaise/muscle aches*
- *Nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain*
- *Pink eye (conjunctivitis)*
- *Runny nose/nasal congestion without other known cause*

Hygiene

Students, staff and instructors will be provided with hand sanitizer upon arrival.

Everyone will be encouraged to follow respiratory etiquette (e.g. coughing or sneezing into a bent elbow and promptly disposing of any used tissues in the trash).

Hand washing will be encouraged as needed (between each class for instructors and for students in multiple classes).

Sanitization

Frequently touched surfaces (door knobs, light switches, toilet handles, sinks, barres, props, et cetera) will be disinfected between each class.

Only disinfectants that have a Drug Identification Number (DIN) or low-level hospital grade disinfectants will be used.

Disposable towels and spray cleaners, or disposable wipes, will be made available to regularly clean and disinfect commonly used surfaces.

All items purchased from our store will be final sale.

Procedures in the event of a student, instructor or staff member showing symptoms of Covid-19

- They will be immediately separated from others in a supervised area until they can go home. If they are a child, whomever is supervising the child will maintain a distance of at least two metres.

- Parents/Guardians and local public health will be contacted to notify them of a potential case and seek advice regarding the information that should be shared with other parents/students.
- Hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette will be practiced while the child is waiting to be picked up.
- Tissues will be provided to the child for proper respiratory etiquette, along with safe and proper disposal of the tissues.
- Environmental cleaning of any space the child was in contact with will be conducted once the child has been picked up.
- Other children and staff in the centre who were present while a child or staff member became ill will be identified as a close contact. Parents and the local public health unit will be notified and their direction will be followed.
- Children or staff who have been exposed to a confirmed case of COVID-19 will be required to stay home for 14 days.
- Accurate attendance records will be kept by staff and instructors to allow for swift communication with Provincial and Local Public Health officials to allow for contact tracking and tracing as needed.

Thanks for helping us make The Pointe Dance Centre a friendly and inspiring place for dancers to learn and grow!

We look forward to seeing you at The Pointe!

Best wishes,

- Miss Helen.