



In response to COVID-19, Ballet Chelsea assembled a volunteer task force made up of staff, board members, parents, and students to research, support, and advise leadership on the specific challenges faced by our studio during this pandemic. We have been meeting monthly to assess and address health and safety issues specific to COVID-19 and consulting with medical and public health professional to make sure we have the best possible information. Our goal is to keep Ballet Chelsea dancers dancing safely!



As a task force, we want to take this moment at the start of a new term to let you know what Ballet Chelsea is doing to maintain a safe studio environment for our students and staff. The list below is a short summary of studio safety efforts to date. Please go to the [Ballet Chelsea](#) website and/or the studio portal for additional details and explanations of COVID-19 policies.

Ballet Chelsea is:

- ✓ Requiring mask use at all times in the studio - this includes during classes.
- ✓ Requiring regular and routine use of hand sanitizer.
- ✓ Limiting entry into the studio to students and staff.
- ✓ Screening students and staff for COVID symptoms each time they enter the studio.
- ✓ Minimizing congestion within common areas between classes by making adjustments to arrival time, pick-up, and drop-off policies, restroom use, etc.
- ✓ Reducing class size so that all barre and floor activities will allow a 10-foot distance between students during classes.
- ✓ Investing in [JADE](#) air units for each of the studios. These are medical-grade air purifiers that use a multi-stage system to eliminate tiny virus-size particles from the air. These units will move the air in the studios through their elaborate filtration system 3-4 times per hour.
- ✓ Increasing studio sanitizing protocols between classes and each morning.
- ✓ Researching policies and procedures in the event of positive cases within the studio.

The health of our community also requires that students and families do all they can to utilize safe COVID-19 practices. We ask that our dancers continue to do everything possible to create and maintain a culture of safety and health in the studio. If you have any symptoms of COVID-19 or have been exposed to anyone with symptoms of COVID-19, please stay home. Let's all err on the side of safety.

The restrictions we've had to endure have helped us all recognize just how much the Ballet Chelsea Community means to us. Let's work together to do all we can to keep the studio open and let the beauty of dance be a regular part of our daily lives once again.

In Partnership,

The Ballet Chelsea Research and Advisory COVID-19 Task Force