



Student & Parent Re-Opening Information

Prepared by Ballet Chelsea Board of Directors and Covid-19 Response and Readiness Team

To our students and parents,

As we prepare to re-open Ballet Chelsea for in-person classes, we want to assure everyone that we have rigorously and carefully prepared for this next step. Our highest priority is keeping our students and staff safe while we continue to offer the best possible education and training. Some of the safety protocols in place are as follows:

1. Students should arrive no more than 10 minutes early, dressed for class.
2. Students and staff will undergo a health screening daily; sick students or staff will be sent home and will not be allowed to return until cleared by a physician.
3. Any student quarantined due to illness may participate in virtual classes until cleared to return for in person classes.
4. Virtual class offerings will be available for our youngest students (ages 3-6) and for students with health issues or concerns for safety.
5. Masks will be required. All persons (staff, students, and anyone else in the studio) will be required to wear a face mask while in the building including during class.
6. No crowding will be permitted in the common area or lobby. During the opening phase, only students will be permitted inside of the building. On entering the building, students will be given an assigned spot to place their belongings, at least 6 feet away from other students.
7. Only one student will be permitted in each bathroom at a time. Students will wait at least 6 feet apart for their turn to use the restroom. Only one student at a time will be permitted to leave the class to use the bathroom.
8. Students will bring all necessary dance belongings with them into the studios for classes to prevent repeated trips into the dancer area (pointe shoes, warm-ups, water bottles, jazz shoes etc.).
9. Class sizes will be significantly reduced to allow for 10 feet of distancing between students and between students and instructors.
10. Students will be assigned a spot to stand while at the barre. Center work will also be controlled to ensure 10 feet of distance in between students during class.
11. Teachers will not provide hands-on or close correction of students so that they can remain 10 feet away from students at all times.
12. Hand sanitizer will be available in all areas of the building; students and staff will be encouraged to sanitize hands frequently.
13. On finishing class, students need to leave promptly; parents should arrive on time to pick students up. Students who carpool with dancers in other classes will be assigned a safe waiting area.
14. The drinking fountain will not be in use. Students should bring filled re-usable water bottles.
15. No food or eating will be allowed in the building.
16. A lost and found will not be kept during COVID. Please make sure all belongings are collected after each class.
17. Rigorous cleaning of the building will occur daily. Common surfaces will be cleaned several times each day. Ballet barres and other studio equipment will be sanitized in between each class.
18. Classes will have staggered start times with 15-30 minutes in between each class to allow for less contact entering and exiting of the building.

We will be sending all parents and students more extensive information when we open registration for the 2020/2021 Class Season. We want all of you to have the necessary information to make the best possible choices for students and families. Please do not hesitate to email Wendi or Jean with specific questions over the next few weeks as we finalize our preparations.

Teachers and Staff will abide by the same policies. These policies and protocols are subject to revision, and additional policies and protocols may be adopted between now and the start of classes by the Board of Directors.