



Covid-19 precautionary measures

Our mask policy was reviewed carefully to ensure that it is in compliance with the latest Executive Orders from the Governor's office and was crafted with the assistance and approval of the Livingston County Health Department. I ask that you read it carefully and know that in order to stay in compliance, and to protect the health and safety of our dancers, our staff, and their families, we must all agree to adhere to these measures. We must also understand that this is a rapidly evolving, fluid situation, and that these policies will have to be amended if circumstances change.

After consulting with the Livingston County Health Department Environmental Health Director, Matt Bolang, it was determined that dance studios like Brighton School of Ballet can be classified as youth sports, and as a non-contact sport where 6-feet of distance can be maintained except for occasional and fleeting moments, Executive Order 2020-180 applies. This means that masks will NOT be required while instruction is taking place. However, it the policy also will be to require all dancers to wear a mask as they enter the building and to keep them on until they are in their designated area within the studio, at least 6 feet from others. At that point, masks may be removed for class. Teachers will wear a mask if they approach a student for a necessary correction. We have taped the floors in at least 6ft. grids and have a plan for how to structure our center floor work to keep safe distance. When class has ended, dancers will sanitize their place at barre and must put their masks back on to exit the studio.

SCHOOL PROTOCOLS & PROCEDURE UPDATE:

- HEPA AIR FILTER units will be used in each studio and as weather permits, windows and door will be opened to circulate fresh air.
- We will have a check in station as soon as you enter the lobby, where students will get their temperature scanned.
- Dressing rooms and viewing areas will be closed. The main lobby will serve as a place for students to drop their belongings and head to class. Please bring smaller dance bags with essentials only.
- Dancers need to come already dressed in ballet clothes with hair up, ready to go.
- Please have you child use the bathroom before you bring them to studio, if possible.
- To limit exposure, parents and immediate family should not enter the studio with the student, unless approved exception. Please drop off or walk your younger student to the door where they will be greeted by either a teacher or front desk worker. Our younger students will always be supervised from the minute they walk in. Teachers will escort them upstairs to the studio and back down to lobby once finished with class.
- After class, parents should be outside the entrance waiting for them, socially distanced. Please be on time so that we don't have too many students congregating inside after class while other classes start to come in.
- Class times are staggered and limited in size to maintain social distance guidelines in the classroom and keep our lobby traffic flowing.

- If a 3-6 year old student is having an issue going to class, we will allow one parent to accompany them until they are comfortable on their own. Please notify us in advance if you anticipate this.
- We ask that each student bring their own hand sanitizer to use as they use as they enter and exit the building. We will also provide this near the front desk.
- Bathrooms and other common surfaces will be cleaned at intervals throughout each night.
- Drinking fountain in the lobby is closed. Send water with your student.
- The last few minutes of the upper level classes will be designated for sanitizing and wiping down their places at barre and hard surfaces. In younger levels, the teachers and helpers will wash and sanitize all spaces before and after each class.
- We will encourage hand sanitizer before and after class and remind them not to touch their face or fellow classmates.
- Because of limited class sizes, if your student needs to make up a class for an absence, please email Katrina Frelich to coordinate beforehand to ensure there is room.
- Pilates Conditioning Students – Please bring your own mat, thera-band, and optional 2 lb hand weights for use in class.

Most importantly, for the sake of the whole school, if your child is showing *any* signs of sickness please keep them home. If we see signs of the following, we will contact a parent and send them home. If we find out there is a student or family that has contracted the virus, BSB families will be notified immediately and we will report it to the health department as per their requirements.

According to the CDC, the symptoms include, but are not limited to:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- sudden loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea