

## **Communicable Disease Prevention Plan – Dance Unlimited Performing Arts Inc.**

*(updated July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021) This plan will be updated as policies and information updates are available from Work Safe BC, the BCCDC and our Provincial Health Officer.*

A *communicable disease* is an illness caused by an infectious agent or its toxic product that can be transmitted in a workplace from one person to another. Examples of communicable disease that may circulate in a workplace include COVID-19, norovirus, and seasonal influenza.

### **1. Understanding the risk:**

- Preventing communicable disease involves taking ongoing measures to reduce the risk of communicable disease transmission in your workplace. It also involves implementing additional measures when advised to do so by Public Health during periods of elevated risk.
- The level of risk of certain communicable diseases, including COVID-19, may increase from time to time or on a seasonal basis. This may occur at a local or regional level, or within a certain workplace.

### **2. Controlled access and limited occupancy:**

- To limit traffic within the studio, dancers will enter the studio by themselves.
- Spectators/ parents are not permitted in the building. This includes private lessons.
- Large gatherings will not take place inside the building at any time.
- Dancers cannot remain in the building while they are not in a registered class.
- Viewing windows will be closed to avoid gathering in common areas.
- Appointments are mandatory for entering the office and speaking with staff.

### **3. Signs of illness:**

- Faculty, staff, volunteers and dancers will **NOT** be permitted in the building if they are showing any symptoms of illness. This includes but is not limited to; symptoms of a cold, flu, or Covid-19 including a cough, sneezing, runny nose, sore throat, fatigue.
- Parents should email us to let us know their dancer will be missing class. Providing us with the reason for their absence will allow us to maintain record for absences, but is not mandatory.

### **4. Dancer entry/exit points:**

- Dancers are to wait in their car until it's time for their class and will enter the building no more than 5 minutes before class start time.
- If waiting outside the building, do not block the stairwell or exit door.
- Parents must be at the studio immediately at the end of their dancers' class for pick up as dancers are not allowed to remain inside the studio once their class is done. Please plan accordingly.
- Parents of younger dancers must make sure they are waiting outside the exit door area for their dancer to be released from their class.
- The exit door from inside the studio is located at the end of the hallways by studio 3 door. From outside, it is located to the right of the lower loading bay.

### **5. Hand sanitizer stations and hand washing stations:**

- Health Canada approved sanitizer with greater than 60% alcohol is provided.
- The foyer and all 3 studios have a touchless hand sanitizer dispenser.

- Additional hand sanitizer is also available throughout the building.
- Dancers will sanitize or wash hands throughout the class as necessary.
- All faculty and dancers will continue to wash their hands or sanitize if they have multiple classes in a row.
- Hand washing stations have touchless soap dispensers, touchless single use paper towel dispensers and hot water. Hand washing guidelines are posted.

#### **6. Physical distancing and contact:**

- Physical spotting, or contact with others may be done.
- Dancers or faculty not comfortable with physical spotting are not required to do it.
- Physical distancing is not required but it is expected that dancers and faculty respect the space of others by remaining 6 feet apart.

#### **7. Masks:**

- Masks are highly recommended, but optional, for those over 12, unless fully vaccinated.
- Masks are highly recommended, but optional for those 3-11 years.
- Once faculty and staff have been fully vaccinated, masks are optional for them.
- Those not fully vaccinated that have travelled off the Island, we kindly ask that you wear a mask for 14 days following your return.
- Fully vaccinated is 14 days after the second vaccination.

#### **8. Changing facilities:**

- Changing facilities are closed.
- Dancers will arrive ready to participate. Shoes will be changed in the foyer.
- Dance attire must incorporate all genres dancers are taking that day. Example, ballet attire is worn under Hip Hop attire. Dancers cannot change between classes, but may remove layered clothing and place it in their bin.
- Individual sanitized bins will be provided to each dancer as they enter the building. All items will remain in their bin for the entire time they are in the building. Only dance shoes and water bottles will be permitted in the studio. Please do not bring large bags or backpacks as they will not fit in the bins.
- Dancers arriving by bus after school with their school bag will place their school bag in a second sanitized bin.

#### **9. Food consumption:**

- Food should not be consumed inside the building by dancers.
- Food consumption by faculty during breaks must be done in the office.

#### **10. Drinking water filling stations:**

- Water bottles CANNOT be refilled at the studio.
- Dancers must bring their own full water bottle.
- Water faucets are not to be used for drinking from.
- For dancers with multiple classes in a row, parents must be sure to send their dancer with enough water for all their classes.

### **11. Online participation:**

- We are ready to fully transition immediately to Zoom classes should we be shut down by a PHO Order due to a communicable disease.

### **12. Cleaning and disinfecting:**

- We will use a disinfectant that has a Drug Identification Number (DIN) and a virucidal claim (efficacy against viruses).
- Mats and props will be disinfected after each use.
- After class, used bins will be placed outside each studio door. Bins will be cleaned and disinfected by staff after each use.
- Faculty and staff must carry out specific disinfection responsibilities and a list of those responsibilities is posted.
- Barres, mats, door handles, light switches, foyer desk, personal computers and audio/ visual equipment will be disinfected regularly and after each use.
- The studio will be cleaned and disinfected thoroughly after classes conclude for the day.

### **13. Ventilation:**

- The HVAC system was installed in December 2018 and uses a high efficiency filter.
- The HVAC system will always be on during class time ensuring fresh air from outside is brought in to each individual studio.
- Studio doors will remain open during classes to allow for additional airflow.
- If possible, the front door will be open to allow for additional airflow.
- If fans are needed inside the individual studios, fans will be used but not blow directly onto participants.

### **14. Bathroom facilities:**

- Bathrooms will be cleaned regularly.
- One bathroom is designated for faculty and staff and the other for dancers.

### **15. Communication and staff/ faculty training:**

- Our most up to date Communicable Disease Prevention Plan is available on our website at [www.danceunlimited.ca](http://www.danceunlimited.ca).
- Training is provided to faculty, staff and volunteers regarding communicable disease prevention.