

Midwest Dance Center Covid-19 Policies

SEPTEMBER TERM 2021

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Please enter using the main entrance for all arrivals. A staff member will be outside to greet your student and help them to their class. At this time, we ask that parents wait in their cars or outside during classes to maintain social distancing. At this time, students will not be allowed to enter the building until their teacher comes outside to greet them.
- Based on recommendations from the CDC and the CRCHD, and the rapid spread of COVID-19 at Burlington Catholic Schools, infecting over 12% of their students and staff, and quarantining over 96, **masks are required for everyone ages 5 and up regardless of vaccination status at this time.** BCS has adopted a mask mandate for the next two weeks, and will re-evaluate at the end of the two weeks (September 21).
- Please exit using main entrance for all departures. Students will be released from the main exit. Parents will be asked to wait outside for kids to be released. A staff member will be outside to ensure your dancer gets back to you safely.
- Please limit parent drop off to one person whenever possible. Sibling visitors cannot be accommodated during this term.
- At the end of class, parents must be by the door to receive their child. Students cannot walk across the parking lot to go to their parents for safety reasons
- Social distancing (6 feet apart) will be observed throughout the studios, hallways, walkways, parking lots, etc.
- All lobby waiting areas, dressing rooms, offices, staff room, etc., will be closed. Parents are welcome to wait in the parking lots in their cars.
- No food will be allowed in the studio.
- Families with high-risk family members should consider participating in dance classes through our virtual platform.

HYGIENE

- We have increased our cleaning frequencies and procedures.
- Employees will wash hands and/or sanitize before and after each class.
- All staff members will wear masks if they are within 6 feet of anyone at any time regardless of vaccination status.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be available outside of all entrances, outside of every classroom, and inside the classrooms. Students will be encouraged to wash hands and/or sanitize before and after classes.
- All new hand washing posters will be clearly posted within bathrooms.

WELLNESS

- In addition to our outstanding rigorous safety and wellness training, all teachers and staff members will receive regular and continuing safety training as it relates to preventing community spread of COVID-19.
- Any staff member or student showing signs of sickness will be sent home.
- Please do not attend classes if you have fever or respiratory symptoms or live in a household with someone exhibiting fever or respiratory symptoms.
- Please do not attend classes if you have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days.
- Please do not attend classes for 10 days following a COVID-19 Exposure (7 with a negative COVID-19 test on day 6 or 7)

CLASSROOMS

- Class sizes have been modified to reflect a 6-foot social distancing pattern and floors will have markers to help students maintain boundaries as much as possible.
- Upon entering, teachers/assistants will wash their hands and/or use hand sanitizer.
- Please bring clearly labeled water bottles.
- Dancers will bring all dance bags into the studio for changing shoes. Dressing rooms will be closed. Bathrooms will be available for toileting only, but not for changing clothes.
- The use of all non-washable handheld props will be discontinued.
- Classrooms will refrain from hand-holding, high fives, "ballerina hugs", & fist bumps.
- Classrooms will have staggered dismissal (3-5 minutes) to allow for student transitions.

BATHROOM USE

- We encourage all students to use the restroom at home before coming to class.
- Bathrooms will be limited for emergencies and will be cleaned regularly.