



We are excited to welcome you to the Creative Dance Center Winter/Spring Session and are thrilled to be back teaching our students in person! This document outlines the procedures we have in place to ensure safe in-person programming. Detailed information and protocols will be emailed to registered students/families prior to the first week of the session.

The safety of our community is paramount. The Creative Dance Center is following public health recommendations to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. We require registered students and guardians of minors to read and agree to an [Assumption of Risk, Health Screening, Waiver of Liability, and Indemnification Agreement](#) in order to enter the building and participate in our programming. A link to this form will be emailed to registered families and must be completed prior to the first class, camp, workshop or intensive you or your child attends.

In accordance with the King County Verification of Vaccination Order, beginning Monday, October 25, 2021, people ages 12 and older are required to show proof of full COVID-19 vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test result to enter many places and events in King County. As outlined by this [Seattle & King County Health Order](#) the Creative Dance Center requires proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 lab administered test within 72 hours of class for all eligible students and caregivers (ages 12+) to enter the building and/or attend class. A vaccine verification form link will be emailed to registered families and must be completed prior to the first class, camp, workshop, field trip, event, or intensive you or your child attends.

Public health requirements in regard to COVID-19 are continually evolving. We will adhere to or exceed public health recommendations from local government and health agencies, making protocol adjustments as needed. The information below is subject to change. If changes are made to our COVID-19 policies, registered students and families will receive updated protocols via email and information will be updated on our website.

### **Creative Dance Center COVID-19 Mitigation Practices**

**ASSUMPTION OF RISK/HEALTH SCREENING/WAIVER OF LIABILITY/INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT:** We require registered students and guardians of minors to read and agree to an Assumption of Risk, Health Screening, Waiver of Liability, and Indemnification Agreement in order to enter the building and participate in programming. The Creative Dance Center has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19. However, CDC cannot guarantee that its students, caregivers or others that enter the building will not become exposed to or contract COVID-19.

**PROOF OF VACCINATION STATUS AND VERIFICATION TO ATTEND CLASSES AT CDC:** We require proof of vaccination or a negative lab administered COVID-19 test within 72 hours of each class date for all eligible dancers (ages 12+) to attend class or enter the building. We require registered students and anyone entering the building to submit our Vaccination Status form and upload pertinent information prior to entering our school. Link to this form is emailed to registered families and anyone that wishes to enter the building.

**MASKS:** Masks are required for anyone entering the building. This includes students and guardians ages 2 and up, regardless of vaccination status, as well as all staff and faculty. Due to the omicron surge we ask that anyone entering the building for class or any reason, wear N95, KN95, or KF94 masks. If you do not have access to these types of masks, we ask students and caregivers to double mask by wearing a disposable, surgical mask covered by a snug fitting cloth mask – both masks should fully cover the nose and go below the chin.

**HAND SANITIZING:** Hand sanitizing stations will be available in the studios and throughout the building. Upon entering the building, we require students and families to use provided hand sanitizer.

**AIR QUALITY/VENTILATION:** Both our studios have Alen BreatheSmart 75i True HEPA Air Purifier units running 24/7. When it is safe to do so windows may also be opened for ventilation.

**CAPACITY AND DISTANCING:** Class enrollment has been capped at lower than normal capacity in both our upper and lower studios. Limited class sizes allow students to practice physical distancing in dance class. We may implement floor markings to guide students in maintaining physical distance during class.

**LOBBY/WAITING ROOM:** To limit the number of people inside the building, our lobby and waiting room are not open at this time. Students are dropped off for class and caregivers then exit the building. Please email CDC Director Terry Goetz at [terry@creativedance.org](mailto:terry@creativedance.org) if you feel it may be necessary to be nearby while your child or children are in class.

**CLASS TIMES/SANITIZING:** Break times between classes have been lengthened. This allows one class to fully exit the building before the next class enters. This time also allows for needed cleaning and sanitizing of high use areas and/or props. Please do not arrive more than 5 minutes before your class time.

**MAKE UPS & MISSED CLASSES:** Due to limited class sizes make up classes may not be available. If you wish to make up a missed class contact [bronwen@createdance.org](mailto:bronwen@createdance.org) to find out if it is possible. If you know you will be missing a class for any reason, please email [bronwen@createdance.org](mailto:bronwen@createdance.org) as that may allow a student to make up a class.

**NOTIFICATION OF SUSPECTED OR CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASES:** Notify the Creative Dance Center if you have a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19. Read the steps below that the Creative Dance Center will take if we are notified of a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19. Helpful guidance from WA state Department of Health: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/COVIDExposed.pdf>

### **Suspected Case**

If notified of a "suspected" case of COVID-19 (individual has symptoms or "close contact" exposure but no positive test), Creative Dance Center will:

- Notify student/families and staff.
- Instruct staff member or student/family with a suspected case of COVID-19 to stay home and do not return to Creative Dance Center until a negative COVID-19 PCR test is provided to Creative Dance Center administration.
- Update students/families and staff if/when a suspected case is cleared.
- Staff or students/families with a suspected case of COVID-19 may not return to Creative Dance Center until they meet the conditions outlined in our Return Policy below.

### **Confirmed Case**

If notified of a "confirmed" case of COVID-19 (individual has received a positive COVID-19 test), Creative Dance Center will:

- Notify the Public Health Seattle & King County and consult with them regarding next steps;
- Notify all students, families, and staff;
- Instruct the person with confirmed COVID-19 to stay home for at least 10 days and not return until symptoms have cleared. A negative COVID-19 antigen test may be requested by Creative Dance Center admin for a safe return;
- Those who had close contact with the person (including students/faculty in the same class or rehearsal) are instructed to stay home and get tested for COVID-19 within 3-7 days of suspected exposure.

### **Return Policy for a Person with a Suspected or Confirmed Case of COVID-19, or a Person in Close Contact**

- If a person tests positive for COVID-19, they may return to the Creative Dance Center no sooner than 10 days after the onset of symptoms ("day 0" for symptomatic COVID) or the positive result ("day 0" for asymptomatic COVID) and only when symptoms have cleared. Creative Dance Center may request information on infection timeline and/or proof of a negative COVID-19 antigen test for return. Please communicate with admin about a safe return date.
- If a person was in close contact\* with someone suspected of having COVID-19, they may return to the Creative Dance Center only after they provide proof of a negative COVID-19 lab-issued test and show no signs of symptoms.
- If a person has one or more symptoms but tests negative for COVID-19 (and provides negative test results), they may return to the Creative Dance Center 24 hours after fever has resolved (without the use of fever-reducing medication) AND show no signs of other symptoms.
- If the person has one or more symptoms and has not yet been tested, they may return to the Creative Dance Center only after they provide proof of a negative COVID-19 lab-issued test AND show no signs of symptoms.

### **\*Center for Disease Control Definition of Close Contact**

"Close contact" means being closer than six feet from an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more in a 24-hour period (for example, three individual 5-minute exposures for a total of 15 minutes), starting from the 2 day period before the infected person began showing symptoms (or, for individuals with no symptoms, starting from the 2 day period before the date of the positive test). An infected person can spread COVID-19 starting from 48 hours before they have any symptoms (or, for asymptomatic patients, 48 hours before the positive specimen collection date) until the infection has cleared. Close contact also happens if someone with COVID-19 coughs on you, kisses you, shares utensils with you, or you have contact with their body fluids.

Please email Creative Dance Center Director Terry Goetz at [terry@createdance.org](mailto:terry@createdance.org) if you are unsure how to proceed or have any questions regarding these policies.