



West End Academy of Dance COVID-19 Protocols and Operations

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We are excited to welcome everyone back to the studio this season! For the safety of our staff and students, we have revised our safety protocol based on the CDC's guidance and VDH's regulations.

****WEAD's COVID-19 protocols and operations are subject to change.****

Self Assessment Prior to Class

If you are experiencing any of the following symptoms that cannot be attributed to another illness like allergies, please stay home.

Please stay home if you are experiencing (or have experienced 24 hours prior to coming to class) any of the following symptoms:

- Fever
- Dry cough
- Chest pain
- Aches and pains
- Sore throat
- Headache
- Loss of taste or smell
- Runny nose

Exposure and Quarantining

You must notify WEAD if you have been exposed to a confirmed positive COVID-19 case.

If you are unvaccinated and exposed to a confirmed positive COVID-19 case, you must quarantine for 14 days before returning to WEAD.

If you are vaccinated and exposed to a confirmed positive COVID-19 case, you should get a PCR test 5 days after the date of known exposure. You should quarantine if you are exhibiting symptoms, pending test results.

Entering and Exiting

Please use the doors marked for entry into the studio. We are using separate doors for entry and exit. Anyone over the age of 3 who enters the building must wear a face mask, regardless of vaccination status.

Please arrive no earlier than 15 minutes prior to the start of your class.

Hand sanitizing stations will be provided throughout the building.

Face Mask Requirements

Persons age 3 and older are required to wear a face mask when inside the building, regardless of vaccination status.

If a dancer is experiencing shortness of breath they may step to the side of the studio and take a break from dancing. If they are unable to recover, the dancer may quietly leave the studio, alert a staff member, and be escorted outside, so they can take their mask off. The dancer may re-enter class with their mask on when they are feeling better.

Resources for Masks for Exercise

Athleta

https://athleta.gap.com/browse/product.do?pid=980196012&vid=1&tid=atpl000001&kwid=1&ap=7&gclid=Cj0KCQjwsZKJBhC0ARIsAJ96n3UFvMDk7jmVRN_BDiQbJByVWS3oyO90ClvFRx-kGC8FT1eReHp0yn4aAuafEALw_wcB&gclsrc=aw.ds#pdp-page-content

Old Navy

https://oldnavy.gap.com/browse/category.do?cid=1164801&mink=1164877,1,masks_kids_cta

Bloch <https://us.blochworld.com/collections/bloch-face-mask-collection>

Limited Entry

Parents will only be allowed entry into the building up to the front desk, to limit the total capacity in our space.

We will be accepting all payments online through the Parent Portal. This is our preferred method of payment. If you need to make a payment in person you may do so in the office.

Dressing Rooms

We ask that dancers arrive with their dance attire on. Please remember to wear street clothes over your leotard and tights. In the event that may not be possible, we do have dressing rooms available. There will be no congregating in the dressing rooms. You must wipe down all surfaces that you may have touched (door handles for example) with provided disinfectant wipes.

Dancers will be directed to a designated area for changing shoes. Street shoes are not allowed in the studio, that includes tennis shoes for hip hop. Dance shoes should not be worn outside of the studio. Dancers will have cubbies available for their street shoes and clothes.

Bathrooms

Please have your child use the bathroom before class to limit bathroom trips during class. Our building only has one mens and one womens bathroom that will be reserved for our dancers and staff only. There are public mall restrooms available a short walk from our building.

Since bathrooms are single stalls, only one person in the bathroom at a time, this excludes pre ballet dancers who may need assistance. Dancers are responsible for wiping down surfaces that they may have touched.

Restrooms will be cleaned periodically by WEAD staff.

Classes

Dancers will maintain 3 feet social distancing during class by the use of assigned dots on the studio floor. No physical contact will be allowed during classes, until further notice. This includes holding hands, partnering work, etc.

Class Materials

Mats, scarves, and other class materials will be sanitized by the students or the staff between classes.

Class Dismissal

Dancers will be dismissed through the doors marked “dancer pick up” located to the left and right of the main entrance if you are facing our store front.

Water

The use of the water fountains will not be available at the studio, so please bring your own water bottle to last for the duration of your classes at WEAD. Dancers will receive short water breaks where they will be permitted to take a quick sip.

Cleaning

The studio will be professionally cleaned on a weekly basis, in addition to periodic cleanings by WEAD staff between classes. Additionally, Stratus Building Solutions will provide a commercial grade coronavirus disinfectant treatment twice a year.

WEAD Faculty and Staff

All faculty and staff members will be required to wear a mask at all times while in the building, regardless of vaccination status.

Contact Tracing

We are confident in our safety protocols and are committed to doing everything we can to prevent COVID-19 from entering our building. Please notify us if you or your dancer has tested positive for COVID-19. In the case of a confirmed positive COVID-19 case with a student, parent, or staff member in our building within 48 hours, we will perform a commercial grade disinfectant and sanitation treatment, and provide a contact tracing report for the school.