



West End Academy of Dance COVID-19 Protocols and Operations

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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

Please stay home if you are experiencing (or have experienced 24 hours prior to coming to class) any of the following symptoms that cannot be attributed to another illness like allergies:

- 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 or if you test positive for COVID-19.

If you are exposed to a confirmed positive COVID-19 case, you must quarantine for 5 days before returning to WEAD. You may return to WEAD after 5 days assuming you are asymptomatic. This applies regardless of vaccination status.

If you test positive for COVID-19, you may return to WEAD after 5 days, assuming you have been asymptomatic for 24 hours.

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.

Class Materials

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

Water

We have two water fountains available for use. Please note that anyone can use the water fountains, and they will not be cleaned after every single use. We recommend bringing a water bottle and only using the water fountains in case of emergency.

Cleaning

The studio will be professionally cleaned by commercial cleaners on a weekly basis, in addition to periodic cleanings by WEAD staff between classes.

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.