

Dance Bahamas School

Official School of The National Dance Company of The Bahamas



Protocols for Re-opening

PROTOCOLS FOR RE-OPENING APPROVED BY THE BAHAMAS MINISTRY OF HEALTH

This Protocol is to work in Conjunction with the Ministry of Healths Workplace Guidelines During COVID-19 (V9)



MINISTRY OF HEALTH

Policies and Procedures to re-open

Health and Safety Policies and Protocols

In wake of the Covid-19 pandemic, every dance school the world over is scampering to find an answer to the prevailing question: When will we be able to open?

As a result, dance schools like other businesses and institutions are now placed in a new predicament, which requires them to develop new strategies and operational procedures to accommodate the societal changes which have been thrust upon them.

Dance Bahamas School (DBS) is committed to creating a safe and healthy environment for its students. To this end, we have followed suit to develop our own set of protocols in conjunction with the advice of public health officials on safely reopening.

DBS will remain vigilant in keeping a safe and positive atmosphere for students and visitors.

Additionally, we have consulted a variety of external resources and with several experts to ensure that we are taking the right approach to keeping our students and visitors safe. The policies and protocols outlined below will apply to all individuals who enter DBS. Any individual refusing to abide by the policies and protocols outlined below will not be permitted to enter DBS and/or will be asked to leave immediately.

Screening Procedures:

- Upon arrival at DBS, all students taking class (es) parents/guardians will be required to fill out a short form with a series of screening questions to self-report any symptoms they may be experiencing or any exposure that they may have had to COVID-19.

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- Any individual indicating that they are currently exhibiting symptoms, have experienced symptoms within the last 14-days, have been exposed to anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19, or have recently travelled from certain areas will not be permitted to enter the studio.
- In the event persons affiliated with Dance Bahamas School (DBS) test positive or have come in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID 19 such as teachers, students and parents, should contact the Director, Mr. Robert Bain at 812-4007 or 698-3993 or e-mail: natdanco.bahamas@gmail.com immediately. These individuals will not be allowed to return to Dance Bahamas School. They should contact their health care provider immediately.

It is Dance Bahamas Schools' (DBS) policy to not reveal the identity of an individual who exhibits symptoms of COVID-19 or who receives a positive test result for COVID-19. However, due to the seriousness of exposure to COVID-19, DBS may need to inform others who came in close proximity to the infected individual without identifying them by name. DBS also may be required to notify governmental authorities.

The studio will then be closed for a period of 2 days in order to be sanitised. Persons will not be allowed in the facility until they would have obtained clearance from the relevant authorities.

- All students and guests will have their temperature taken using a touch-less infrared thermometer.
- Temperatures below 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit will not be documented and students/guests will be permitted to enter DBS studio.
- An individual who has a fever at or above 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit will not be permitted to enter DBS studio.
- All persons entering the premises of Dance Bahamas School must wear a face covering.

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- Upon entering Dance Bahamas School studio, students and visitors will be required to sanitise their hands. **(Hand sanitising stations have been mounted in the waiting area, the studio and in the bathroom.)**
- **Please note that the following arrival procedures will be in place and must be followed at all times:** Students will no longer be allowed to hangout in the waiting area before or after their class. Parents are asked to arrive at the studio **10-15 minutes** before their scheduled class and wait outside in their vehicle until students from the previous class would have left the building. **This will also give the teachers a chance to sanitise the studio and bathroom areas.**
- There will be no bags left in the waiting area or in the studio until further notice. To avoid cross contamination, all lockers are off limits and the same will apply to the cubby holes in the waiting area.
- To avoid cross contamination, all teaching aids such as; Foam Rollers, Yoga Blocks, feet stretchers, hoops and frisbee etc, will not be used at this time. All teaching aids will be removed from the studio and secured away from students until further notice. Squares have been marked in areas of the waiting room and studio for students to place their personal items. Markings have also been placed on the studio floor which we call "Home". "Home" will mark out the personal space of each student. They will be required to stand in their "Home" space at all times. All movements which requires partnering or working together will be discouraged. They will be reminded by teachers that sharing and touching are not allowed. If items such as the aforementioned are required by teachers, students will have to purchase their own, which will be labeled and kept in their designated square. *(Squares will be sanitised after each class)*
- Until further notice the water cooler will be off limit, this is to avoid cross contamination. **Students are encouraged to bring their own water. Water bottles should be marked with child's name** (Sharing of water bottles is not allowed)
- Parents are asked to make sure their child/children always wear clean, freshly washed clothes each day to class to avoid cross contamination from other activities or places where clothes may have been worn previously.

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- Students will no longer be allowed to dance bare footed in class. All students **must** wear shoes that will allow them to function unimpeded. (Socks will be allowed)

***Links of where shoes can be purchased are listed below:
(Dance Bahamas School has in stock leather and canvas ballet shoes only)***

[https://www.discountdance.com/dancewear/shoes/page1?
PerPage=46&filter=Age%23Boys%3ACategory%23Shoes&SID=1479371603&Shop=
Style&NewSortOrder=P](https://www.discountdance.com/dancewear/shoes/page1?PerPage=46&filter=Age%23Boys%3ACategory%23Shoes&SID=1479371603&Shop=Style&NewSortOrder=P)

https://www.amazon.com/s?k=dances+shoes&ref=nb_sb_noss_1

- Students are asked to wear slip on outdoor shoes that are easy to put on and off.
- Parents are asked to pick up their child/children on time after their session (s) would have finished.

Student Activity upon entering studio

1. Students under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult until the student has been granted access to the building and has passed all of the required entry checks (please review entry checks in place) Only one adult can accompany a student to DBS.
2. Students will be required to sanitise their ballet shoes. As it is a rule already that ballet shoes not be worn on the outside, students will now have to sanitise their shoes with the disinfectant spray that is located at the entrance of the studio. (Younger students will be assisted by teachers or office staff)
3. Following the student being granted access to the studio, parents/guardians should leave the immediate area without delay, as space is limited and we want this to be a safe place for all by helping to limit the number of people in the area.
4. After being granted access to the studio students will be assigned a spot at the barre or centre floor. ***For the safety of students, social distancing signage has been placed in the centre floor and at the barre. Signage has also been placed in the bathroom, waiting area and front door of the studio.***

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7. Students should wear a face covering upon entering the studio and keep it on until they find their place at the barre or on the dance floor and are sure that they are properly distanced from all others. It is recommended that face coverings are worn at all times in the studio—but if a student chooses, they may remove their mask at the start of class or rehearsal. If for some reason students are not able to maintain proper social distancing during classes or rehearsals, they will be required to wear a face covering. It is recommended that students bring multiple face coverings with them daily and replace covering if they become dirty, wet, or soiled in some other way.

(If a parent wishes for their child/children to wear their mask for the duration of the class, they will be permitted to do so).

Face coverings will be required to be worn by teachers while instructing in-person classes or rehearsals.

The **link** below will assist you with choosing a mask for your child. Parents are asked to secure the child's mask in a ziplock bag with their name printed on it. ***(All masks will be secured in view of the students in the studio)***

<https://www.dancemagazine.com/amp/workout-mask-2646401321>

CLASS SIZE:

8. Because the studio space is approximately 875 square feet, the number of students in a class will be limited.
 - Pre-Dance - Students ages 3-5 years old (5-6 students maximum)
 - Pre-Dance 2 - Students ages 6-8 years old (5-6 students maximum)
 - Primary - Students ages 8-11 years old (6 students maximum)

All other students 12 years and up (5-6 students maximum)

All permanently installed ballet barres will be marked with tape so that dancers can maintain the appropriate distance between themselves.

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9. All classes will now be 10 -15 minutes shorter until further notice. Again this will allow the studio to be disinfected between each class.

In addition to the weekly maintenance exercise of the studio, an independent contractor has been hired to deep clean and disinfect the entire studio two (2) times per week.

Additionally, the studio has been equipped with 3 Wagner Air Purification units, one (1) in the waiting area and two (2) in the studio. (Each unit covers a total of 500 square feet.) The 3 Wagner Air Purification systems will be in operation during class.

Finally, the studio has also been equipped with 2 - UV Light Sanitisers, 38W UVC Disinfection Lamps to help with the disinfecting process. This process will take place at the end of each day.

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