



# Boston Dance Inc

## STUDENT SAFETY PROTOCOL

Covid-19 Facility Health and Safety Guidelines (Subject to change)  
Provided in association with the Facility Operators (Dance Victoria Society)

### September 10 2021-Update

*Safety protocols will continue to be modified as needed and families will always be notified when any changes are made. We request your partnership as we strive to keep you and your family healthy. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.*

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- If healthy, instructors, staff, and dancers are permitted to enter the Facility.
- Masks are required everywhere within the studio
- If anyone is experiencing any cold/flu-like symptoms including but not limited to fever, sore throat, coughing, aches, respiratory problems, headache, dry cough, fatigue, diarrhea, loss of taste or smell, chest pain, rash on skin, discolouration of fingers or toes, they are required to stay home.
- Dancers will be provided hand sanitizer upon entry and exit at the studio
- Instructors will be wearing masks at all times including while instructing class.
- Lobbies are reserved for students only.
- Dancers with a layover between classes may remain in the lobby.
- Dancers eating during their layover will be requested to clean and sanitize their area - supplies will be provided
- The Office will be open during office hours.
- Water fountains are unavailable until further notice, please remember to bring a full water bottle
- Changing into dance attire at the studio is currently not permitted (except dance shoes). Dancers are to arrive in attire, ready to dance.
- Dancers are requested to leave all unrelated dance materials at home. Only dance shoes, sanitizer and a FULL water bottle will be permitted into the Facility unless coming to the studio directly from school in which case a school bag will be permitted.
- Dancers 7yrs and under may have one parent/guardian accompany them to their appropriate class. Once dropped off, that person is requested to exit the building as quickly as possible through the designated exits.
- Dancers 8 and up are expected to enter the studio by themselves.
- Dancers and Instructors will continue to wash or sanitize their hands if they have multiple classes.

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### STEPS WE ARE TAKING TO KEEP OUR SPACE SAFE

- Increasing nightly commercial cleaning and sanitizing of common contact areas.
- Providing sanitizer to students as they enter and exit the facility.
- Unless medically exempt, Mask wearing is required in all areas of the studio.
- Keeping lobby and common areas restricted to students only. Lobby and common areas are closed to families and the public.
- Providing separate studio entry and exit doors.
- Sanitizing high contact surfaces area between classes.
- Allowing adequate time between classes for safe student exiting/entering flow.
- Permitting flexible dance attire.
- Training our staff and faculty in the new sanitizing protocols and workplace conduct pertaining to COVID-19.
- The studio will be keeping up to date with all COVID-19 related guidelines and recommendations from the Provincial Health Authorities.

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### COMMUNICATING ABSENCES

For everyone's safety, anyone feeling unwell is required to stay home. Dancers demonstrating any signs of illness will not be permitted into the building. Families will be notified to come pick up their dancer immediately. Please email us at [info@bostondanceco.com](mailto:info@bostondanceco.com) to notify us of any absence from class.

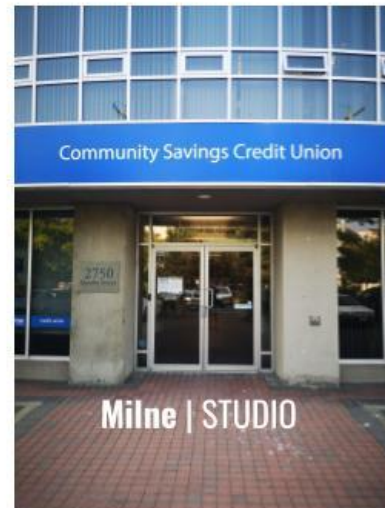
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### ONLINE ACCESS

- Online access will be available as of Monday, October 4th.
- More information to follow

## BUILDING ENTRANCES AND EXITS

- Each studio has its own ENTRY/EXIT door as listed below:



- Please ensure you know your entry and exit door.
- Dancers will be met at their designated studio entrance doors.
- Dancers will be requested to apply hand sanitizer as they enter and exit the building.
- Dancers will be asked to make their way to the appropriate studio.
- A reminder, dancers are to be wearing their masks enroute to their designated studio.

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## ENTERING THE BUILDING

- Dancers are required to be healthy and well if in attendance at the studio.
- It is recommended Students arrive dressed in attire and ready for class with masks on.
- Dancers are to wait at their designated studio entrances, or in their cars prior to the start of class. (Please do not block any entrances or parking stalls)
- Instructors will open the doors for all dancers at the beginning of class time.
- We ask all dancers to arrive on time. If during office hours, late dancers may call 250-658-1818 or knock at the front door for assistance with entry.
- Only dance shoes, sanitizer and a FULL water bottle will be permitted into the Facility unless coming to the studio directly from school in which a school bag will be permitted.

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## EXITING THE BUILDING

- At the conclusion of class dancers will be requested to sanitize their hands.
- Dancers who have no additional classes that day will be escorted to their designated exit door
- Studio exit and entry doors are the same:
  - Shaw -- the traditional studio entrance at the north end of the parking lot
  - Vernon -- the door in the upper parking lot off of Market Street
  - Milne -- the main building entrance door by the bank
- Parents are to meet their dancer at the designated exits. We respectfully ask parents to be on time when picking up their dancer as teachers will be unable to supervise dancers after class.
- Dancers with consecutive classes are free to move to their next class.

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## RESOURCES

We appreciate that some of these changes may be overwhelming and stressful for our dancers. Please keep in touch with us regarding any concern you may have. The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on our mental health is worth mentioning. Self care that supports our mental well being is just as important as our physical care. Below are some resources that we hope you may find helpful.

- [Mental Health and COVID-19](#) (HealthLinkBC)
- [Mental well-being during COVID-19](#) (BC Centre for Disease Control)
- [Talking to children about COVID-19 and its impact](#)
- [Stigma Free Society: Youth Wellness Toolkit \(includes resources for parents, children and teens\)](#)