



COVID-19 Re-Opening Procedures

We are so excited to get back in the studio with our dancers and musicians! As excited as we all are to be together again, the safety of our students, staff members and families is priority number one! As such, and in accordance with state, local, and CDC guidelines, we have developed the following studio guidelines, requirements, and adjustments which will remain in effect throughout Phase 2 and 3 of Virginia's phased reopening.

Who should attend the studio during Phase 2&3 Reopening?

The State of Virginia has provided the following guidance for who should or should not report to work or other activity where they will be in contact with persons outside their household.

COVID-19 Screening Protocol:

Employees, students and customers should assess themselves for symptoms of COVID-19 before attending the studio each time. Employees and customers should ask themselves: "YES or NO since my last day in attendance, have I had any of the following:"

- A new fever (100.4°F or higher) or a sense of having a fever?
- A new cough that cannot be attributed to another health condition?
- New shortness of breath that cannot be attributed to another health condition?
- New chills that cannot be attributed to another health condition?
- A new sore throat that cannot be attributed to another health condition?
- New muscle aches (myalgia) that cannot be attributed to another health condition or specific activity (such as physical exercise)?

If an employee or customer answers YES to any of the screening questions, they must stay home and not report to the studio.

In the case of employee illness, an appropriate sub will be provided or the class will be taught via zoom. In the case of student illness, the class may be attended via Zoom and/or they may utilize standard make-up policies. In addition, anyone who has specific risk factors for COVID-19 complications or lives with someone who has specific risk factors for COVID-19, including but not limited to asthma, chronic kidney disease, chronic lung disease, diabetes, hemoglobin disorders, is immunocompromised, liver disease, age 65+, serious heart conditions, or severe obesity, may also wish to stay home or use additional caution.

Lobby/Front Desk/Retail Safety Procedures:

- Masks or other nose and mouth face covering will be required for all staff at all times when another person is in the room (can remove masks when teaching a completely virtual class and no one else in the room or if alone doing office work).

- Masks or other nose and mouth face covering will be required for all customers/students at all times in the front desk/retail areas as well as any public areas including hallways, stairwells, etc.
- Additional hand sanitizing stations have been installed. All staff, students, and customers must sanitize hands upon entering the studio.
- Desk staff will sanitize high touch surfaces in the lobby/office hourly &/or after every class changeover.
- Students/parents are encouraged to use the on-line Parent Portal for all registration and payment needs or call the desk to register/make payments whenever possible to limit the need to come into the studio. You may also utilize our on-line Boutique (accessible from the studio Facebook pages and studio website) for all dancewear, music accessories, studio spirit wear and more.
- 6 foot social distancing will be strictly enforced in the lobby/front desk/retail areas, for those who do need to come in. Floor decals and signage have been installed to assist with this.
- The Lobby waiting areas will remain closed to parents/siblings. Students should be dropped off no more than 5 minutes prior to the start of their class.

In-Studio Safety Procedures:

- Masks or other nose and mouth face covering will be required for all students before, after and during class with the following exceptions: students may pull masks down when taking a sip of water, or for very brief “mask breaks” while facing away from other students/teachers as needed to catch breath in between exercises.
- **10 foot** social distancing requirements will be enforced inside the studios during physical activity.
- A maximum of 4 students (all Arlington studios), 5 (Springfield Studio A), 6 (Springfield Studio B/C) will be allowed in person per class for all classes age Kindergarten and up. (All pre-school and Creative Movers classes remain completely virtual at this time.)
- All classes with in-person attendance will end 5 minutes early to allow for disinfecting and change-over to next class.
- Students will bring all their belongings into studio with them and leave on a chair in the studio (chairs spaced 10 feet apart)
- Students will enter studio by one door and exit by the other to avoid crossing in the lobbies/hallways. Signage has been posted to direct students and parents re: drop-off and pick-up locations.
- There are limited music studios (Springfield) available where the 10 foot social distancing guidelines can be maintained – please talk to your teacher about studio availability if you are interested in in-person music lessons.

We are continuing to carefully monitor the situation and will adjust these guidelines as necessary and appropriate. The most important thing is to make sure we conduct business in a safe environment. If you have specific questions, please reach out!