Charlotte Ballet Academy is committed to the health and safety of our dancers and their families. With respect for CDC guidelines and federal OSHA standards in response to COVID-19, and in consultation with our peer organizations, we are pleased to present you with the following School Year Safety Guidelines. 

**Please note:** The 2020/2021 School Year and all subsequent in-studio Academy programming is subject to change based on North Carolina’s mandates for a phased advancement.

**SAFETY & SANITATION**

- Hand sanitizer stations are available throughout the building and outside each studio.
- Studios will be disinfected before and after every class. The entire building will be deep cleaned at the end of the day.
- Barres, floors and mirrors will be disinfected by our cleaning crew.
- Masks are required for all persons inside Center for Dance (staff and students included).
- All items (clothing, dance shoes, water bottles, etc.) left in and around the studios will be discarded daily. There will be no lost & found.
- Bathroom breaks are scheduled between classes. Bathrooms will be sanitized after each group of bathroom breaks.
- Locker rooms, until further notice, are off limits. No congregating allowed in the lobby, hallways, or outside of studios at any time prior to or after class.
- Water fountains are turned off to prevent contact. We recommend that you bring your own pre-filled water bottle.
- A minimum of six-feet physical distancing will be maintained throughout the day.
- Immuno-compromised students are requested to train virtually in order to maintain their safety.
- Resistance bands and yoga mats are permitted, but may not be left overnight at the Center for Dance. Props and equipment must be taken home and sanitized daily.
STUDENT CHECK-IN PROCEDURES

• Students will be assigned staggered arrival and departure times based on their cohort. Check-in opens 15 minutes prior to the beginning of your first class. Early admittance will not be allowed.

• Pre-Professional Trainees may check-in 30 minutes prior to the beginning of their first class. Early admittance will not be allowed.

• Students must be dressed for class and wearing their mask upon arrival. Street shoes should be worn outside and students should change shoes before entering their assigned studio.

• **All students must enter through the doors facing N. Tryon Street.** One parent may accompany each student as they are checked in.

• All students will be required to pass a daily health screen and temperature check before entering the studio. Once a student enters the facility, they will be directed through the screening process by a member of our administrative staff.

• Daily health screens are completed via the Health Check app (all submitted medical information is kept private by this third party application). When the questionnaire is completed, your submission will be graded by color. You must present your color to administrative staff while your temperature is taken before you may enter the studio.

You are granted entry and may proceed to your assigned studio. Parents may exit through the 10th Street doors.

Please contact Lizzy Greene (egreene@charlotteballet.org) for next steps.

You may not enter the Center for Dance and must exit through the 10th Street doors.

›› These submissions must be made within 3 hours of arrival to be considered accurate.

›› If a student reports a fever in the last 24 hours or displays a temperature of 100.4°F or higher upon further questioning, they will not be admitted and must return home.

• Upon entry, students will be prompted to wash their hands and/or use a pump of hand sanitizer.
  • Students may participate virtually if they cannot be present for class for any reason.
SAFETY & SOCIAL DISTANCING IN CLASS

• Class sizes are reduced to support physical distancing between students. Class capacities are designed to allow distancing of 6 feet or more at all times and to remain below 50% of the studio's capacity per the Fire Marshall. Classes in studios 1-4 will have a maximum capacity of 10 students, classes in studios A & B will have a maximum capacity of 18 students.

• Class lengths are shortened and physical activity reduced as needed to support the wearing of masks.

• There will be no physical contact during class, including but not limited to corrections made by instructors.

• Areas will be marked off at the barre for each student. Upon entry, students will take their places at the barre with a minimum of six feet between them. One bag of personal belongings may be kept outside the studio in the corresponding numbered spot.

• First aid kits are available in every studio with the following items: Portable coolers with pre-made ice packs, Plastic bandages, Alcohol Wipes, Gauze pads/roll, Athletic wraps.

• In order to support age-appropriate safety protocols for children in our Preparatory Division, Charlotte Ballet Academy has made the decision to engage our youngest students in dance instruction exclusively online at this time. The online instruction removes the need for several protocols that are difficult for children to manage at an early age while exercising, including wearing masks and maintaining safe distance from others.

EXITING THE BUILDING

• Exit times are staggered when possible to prevent contact with other class cohorts.

• Students may wait in the lobby to be picked up. All students are asked to remain six feet apart while in the lobby area.

• All exiting persons must leave through the 10th Street doors.
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PROTOCOL FOR ILLNESS AND/OR CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASE IN BUILDING

- If a student or staff member becomes ill during class, they will be isolated in a specific area until they are able to leave the building.
- If you are notified that your child is ill, please pick up within one hour.
- **If a student tests positive for COVID-19, their cohort will be directed to participate in virtual classes only for 14 days.**

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

- Academy staff will receive you at the door upon your arrival and direct you through your health screen.
- There will be protective barriers in place at the front desk.
- All non-essential administrative staff of Charlotte Ballet will continue to work remotely until further notice.

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