

Susquehanna Valley Dance Company

COVID-19 Preparedness Plan

Susquehanna Valley Dance Company is committed to providing a safe and healthy studio for all our students and staff.

To ensure we have a safe and healthy studio environment, I have developed the following COVID-19 Preparedness Plan in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please note, as CDC guidelines change, our plans for the studio may change as well.

Students, parents, and staff are all responsible for implementing and complying with this plan. Our goal is to mitigate the potential for transmission of COVID-19 in our studio, and that requires full cooperation among our dance community. Only through cooperative effort can we reduce the risk of illness for those that enter our studio.

Our children are our most important asset. We are serious about safety and health and keeping our children dancing at SVDC. My Preparedness Plan covers the following:

- I. Protection and controls for drop off and pick up
- II. Screening policies for entering the studio
- III. Hygiene and respiratory requirements
- IV. Administrative controls for social distancing
- V. Cleaning and disinfecting
- VI. Prompt notification of sick persons

I. Drop off and pick up:

Arrival: All students are to arrive at the studio **15 minutes prior to the start of their class** to allow for enough time for all students to be screened and signed in. The following process will be followed:

- Levels 1A, 1B, 2A & Beginner Ballet: A parent, guardian, or responsible adult must accompany students during the screening process.
- Level 2B & 3A: A parent, guardian, or responsible adult may accompany students during the screening process or wait in his/her car. Parents, guardians, or responsible adults should not leave until their student(s) have completed the screening process and have been admitted in to the studio.

- Students are to enter the studio as soon as they have been screened and ready for class. Students are not to wait in the waiting room.
- Parents are not permitted to wait in the waiting room during class. All parents, guardians, and anyone not taking class must leave the studio.

Dismissal: Students will be dismissed in an orderly fashion to ensure social distancing and maximize the safety of students leaving the studio. Parents are asked to either wait spaced out in the waiting room, in the common hallway, or wait in their vehicles for their children to exit the building.

II. Screening and policies for entering the studio:

Daily Temperature Screening:

All staff, guest teachers, and students who enter SVDC will be subject to infrared temperature screening and a series of screening questions. Any staff, guest teacher, or dancer with a temperature of **99.9 or greater** will not be permitted to enter the studio for class. Students and staff taking classes longer than 3 hours will have their temperature retaken a second time during their time in the studio.

Daily Symptom Monitoring:

Parents, students, and staff are asked to monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID- 19. Any staff or student exhibiting any of the following symptoms will not be permitted to enter the studio:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Daily Exposure Assessment:

The following questions will be asked of all students and staff as they enter the studio each day:

- Have you or anyone in your household had or cared for anyone experiencing a fever of 99.9 degrees Fahrenheit or exhibited any of the above listed symptoms in the last 21 days?
- Have you or anyone in your household returned from any foreign countries within the last 21 days?
- To the best of your knowledge have you been in close proximity to any individual who has tested positive for COVID-19?

If a student or staff responds with a YES to any of the above questions, they will not be permitted to enter the studio for in-person classes.

III. Hygiene and Respiratory Requirements:

All staff, guest teachers, and students are expected to comply with the following guidelines:

- Handwashing: Staff and students are instructed to wash their hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and warm water frequently throughout the day, but especially at the beginning and end of their session, before and after consuming food or beverage, and before and after using the bathroom.

Hand sanitizer dispensers (that use sanitizers of at least 60% alcohol) are in the studio so they can be used for hand hygiene in place of soap and water, provided hands are not visibly soiled.

- Respiratory requirements: Staff, guest teachers, and students must enter and exit the studio properly wearing their masks. Masks must cover the nose and mouth. In accordance with the Pennsylvania Secretary of Health's most recent mask order issued on July 1, 2020, all employees and students are required to wear a mask inside the studio and should demonstrate prudence with this requirement - using common sense and good judgment in departing from this protocol for periods of time as circumstances warrant (i.e., excessive heat, breathing issues, drinking fluids). This mask is to be brought from home and labeled with the dancer's name. Masks are to be disposed of at home, not at the studio. I will have a separate hook on each dancer's barre spot to hang their mask as needed. 3 ply paper masks will also be available for students should they forget or their mask breaks or becomes otherwise compromised (i.e. gets damp or wet) during class. Please consider sending an additional mask with your child(ren) in the event that the mask your child(ren) wears becomes compromised during class, but, as stated, additional 3 ply paper masks are readily available in the studio.

IV. Administrative controls for social distancing (Inside studio operations)

Social distancing of six feet will be implemented and maintained between students and staff while they are in the studio through the following engineering and administrative controls:

- The studio has been measured to determine the appropriate number of students and staff to maintain six feet of separation during dance instruction.
- Classes have been designed to: 1) limit the number of students and staff based on physical distance requirements; 2) limit the time that students and employees are in the studio; and 3) maintain continuity of employees and students within scheduled classes.
- The studio where instruction is being provided will be marked with tape to ensure each student has his/her own designated personal space and to enforce social distancing inside the studio.
- Students will have designated areas for their belongings. All personal belongings must be kept in this area. Dancers are to take all their personal items home at the end of the day. **No personal items are to be stored at the studio.**

V. Cleaning and disinfection

All high touch surfaces (door handles, barres, cubbies, etc.) will be thoroughly cleaned before all dancers enter the building, between classes, and after the dancers leave the building. Cleaning will be done with EPA-approved disinfectants.

The restroom will be cleaned frequently before, after and, during in-studio instruction.

VI. Prompt notification of sick persons

COVID-19 has been declared a global pandemic, community transmission of this disease continues to occur, and there is no current immunity or vaccine. Therefore, any employee or student who exhibits a fever and/or any of the symptoms listed in Section II during the time frame of in-person classes – whether they are in the studio or out of the studio when they develop symptoms – must be tested for COVID-19 before returning to the studio. These measures are needed to protect other students and staff who might have come in to contact with symptomatic individuals and to contain the spread of the virus in the event someone tests positive.

Any staff or student who tests positive or is presumed positive for COVID-19 is required to immediately report their test results to the Executive Director, Laura Strawser, who will then implement additional actions to control the spread of infection, including notifications to appropriate authorities. In the event there is a student or employee who tests positive or is presumed positive for COVID-19, the studio will immediately suspend in-person classes and revert to virtual classes until it is deemed safe to resume in-person classes in the studio. Any staff or student who receives a positive or presumed positive test, or has come in contact with a person who is positive or presumed positive for COVID-19, will need a note from their doctor or the PA Department of Health in order to return to in-person class. Once classes start, if any staff or student presents symptoms leading them to be tested for COVID-19, then the studio will transition to virtual classes until a negative result is obtained. Any person who is awaiting test results for COVID-19, or any person who has made contact within the past 10 days with someone who is presently awaiting COVID-19 test results, is not permitted to enter the studio.