

September 23, 2020

Yosemite Dance Company Temporary Policies

Reason: Covid19 Public Health and Safety Recommendations

Duration: July 1, 2020 – Withdrawal of Federal, State, and County Restrictions

Due to Covid19 public health and safety recommendations, Yosemite Dance Company has put some temporary policies in place. While they are admittedly inconvenient for all of us, they represent our best attempt at combining our reopening with doing all we can to keep everyone in our dance family safe and healthy.

These policies are not political, religious, or conspiracy-theory based. They are based on the best scientific information available to us at this moment. They are certainly subject to change as the science evolves and restrictions are relaxed. Changes will be posted on social media, and on the studio doors and bulletin boards as they occur.

If anyone in the YDC dance family is diagnosed with Covid19, YDC requests immediate notification so that we can notify all who were likely to have come into contact with that person.

1. Initially, all 2020-2021 classes will be 45 minutes in duration, with a 15 minute sanitizing break at the end of each class. Note: Ballet classes level 2-3 and higher are extended classes.
2. At the end of each class the teacher will sanitize the studio floor, ballet barres, and all touch surfaces.
3. When Covid19 restrictions are lifted, every class will increase to 55 minutes in duration, with a 5 minute break between classes.
4. Masks will be required for every person entering the studio. Studio staff will wear masks. Dancers will wear masks. We recommend that teachers and dancers carry a spare. Sneezes happen! Masks are available for purchase.
5. Dancers may bring water bottles and dance attire into the studio. Extraneous gear should be left in the car. Water bottles and dance shoes will be placed into the gear bins in each studio. Personal items should not be left in the viewing areas. Make every effort to arrive ready to dance, with water.
6. The door nearest the front desk will be the designated studio entry. Dancers under the age of 10 may be accompanied to the studio entry by 1 masked adult. Extended family, siblings and friends will not be admitted. Older dancers must enter unaccompanied. Every person entering will be required to pause at the front desk for a temperature scan, good health verification, and hand sanitizing. Anyone with an elevated temperature will be denied entry. Masked adults entering with dancers under the age of 8 may observe class from the viewing area only if able to maintain 6-foot social distancing. When the social distancing capacity in the viewing area has been maximized, no additional observers will be allowed in. Our preference is that all parents wait in the car while their dancer is in the building.
7. Studio 1 dancers will exit the studio through the door nearest the pet shop. Studio 2 dancers will exit the studio through the door nearest the karate dojo. Parents will be expected to meet their dancers at the exit when class is dismissed.
8. Dancers with back-to-back classes will be asked to remain in the studio lobby or on the patio until sanitizing has been completed.
9. YDC will not make "loaner dance shoes" available to any dancer until after the health threat from Covid19 is over.
10. Snacks and Water will not be available for purchase. BRING WATER. For dancers with back to back classes, snacks may be eaten on the patio. BRING WATER.
11. ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE BY BANK TRANSFER, CHECK, OR EXACT CASH IN AN ENVELOPE CLEARLY MARKED WITH THE DANCER'S NAME, THE AMOUNT ENCLOSED, AND PRECISELY WHAT IS BEING PAID (For example: Jennifer Lopez, \$400, Oct. tuition; Misty Copeland, \$275.50, recital costumes; Mikhail Baryshnikov, \$565, Feb. Elite).

EXTENDED CLOSURE POLICY

If YDC is mandated to shut down for a period of more than two weeks, instruction will move to an online format for one month, during which time teaching will continue and tuition will still be due. If mandated closure exceeds one month, YDC will pause all student accounts and tuition will not be owed until restrictions have been lifted.