

Covid-19 Procedures

Arrival Procedures –

1. Due to the weather getting colder, students will now be permitted to enter the building in time for their classes. Please arrive no more than 5 minutes prior to your class time.
2. Students under the age of 9 must have a parent bring them upstairs to be dropped off in the hallway (parents with children age 5 & younger may sit in the lobby during their child's class)
3. Staff and students must wear a mask into the building and will use hand sanitizer upon entering.
4. All people who are remaining in the building for a period of time will have their temperatures checked.
5. It is **mandatory** that all students wear their masks during classes instead of removing them before entering the classroom. (This is per the states executive order)
6. Please bring as few items into the studio as possible and keep all items in your own personal dance bag.
7. The onsite water fountain and microwave will be off limits at this time. Bring a large water bottle & food will be limited to healthy granola or protein bars & must be eaten in the kitchen.
8. All hard surfaces will be sanitized between classes. Please see the “studio schedule” on www.newenglandschoolofdance.com for sanitizing times.

Dismissal Procedures -

1. Parents should arrive on time to pick-up students from the back, parking lot. Students will be walked outside of the building by a staff member.
2. Non-driving students must be released to a parent / guardian known to the studio. Please email or call us if someone else will be picking up that day.
3. We also ask that parents meet students at the back door instead of waiting in their cars so we can ensure all students are picked up safely.
4. Dancers may only be in the studio when they are attending their registered classes. All other dancers must leave the studio at the conclusion of their class.

Illness Procedures -

1. We ask that you follow the same protocol as public schools and please notify us of any potential symptoms. If you are experiencing symptoms such as fever, runny nose, sore throat, cough, shortness of breath, muscle aches or chills please stay home and email the office. If the symptoms continue or worsen after 24-hours please get tested and present the results to NESD via email or hard copy.
2. Please, do not come to the studio if you or someone you have been exposed to has COVID, or had COVID-like symptoms, within the past 14 days.
3. Anyone who travels outside of New England is now required to quarantine for 14-days when they arrive home. A negative test will no longer replace quarantine.
4. Dancers who test positive for COVID-19 must remain home until they have been cleared by a doctor and must provide documentation.

Show Procedures-

1. Masks are mandatory for all audience members, dancers & volunteers. A mask must be worn in the theatre during the performance and in common areas such as the bathroom & lobby. Those who are unable to comply with this rule are asked to watch via livestream.
2. NESD will provide hand sanitizer for each of our guests upon entry.
3. All parties must arrive at the assigned time to avoid any gathering and will be seated in a timely manner. These times will be given at a later date.
4. Once parties are seated an usher will tape off the next three chairs to maintain distance. Every other row will remain empty.
5. Audience members must remain in their seats at all times
6. All audience members will exit via the fire exits in the same order they entered. Parents of dancers, please see dismissal instructions.
7. Restrooms, all touch surfaces in the lobby, and all theater seats are sanitized between shows.