

CSU Youth Dance Conservatory

COVID-19 Studio Safety Guidelines

CSU's Youth Dance Conservatory (YDC) takes everyone's personal health and safety very seriously. This document lists what we are doing to ensure your child's safety.

Entering/Exiting The Rankin: To enter, please use the front door as normal. Please have dancers use the elevator to go up to the studio and use the stairwell to come down. To exit, please (if possible) exit through the door at the back of the lobby into the Atrium area. The atrium area has two exits – one onto 10th Street and on onto 1st Avenue.

Second Floor Rankin: To ensure that we comply with social distancing guidelines in our waiting area, we are asking parents of Level 1 and above dancers to wait in the first floor lobby area or in their cars. Creative Movement, Pre-Ballet, and Pre-Level 1 dancers can have one parent/guardian accompany them to the second floor (no siblings). This will allow our dancers to enter/exit the studio safely. To help us make this happen, we also ask that you please avoid arriving extremely early and also lingering in the lobby/building after classes end.

Masks: Per the July 15 University System of Georgia's mandate, all faculty, staff, students, and visitors are **REQUIRED** to wear a mask inside a Columbus State facility or building. Please make sure all dancers and family members (including siblings) wear a mask when entering. Anyone not using a face covering as required will be asked to wear one or must leave the area.

Lobby Area: All chairs and tables have been removed from the second floor lobby area. The floor will be marked for social distancing. Parents waiting on the second floor may bring a folding chair or blanket to sit on.

Adjusted Class Sizes and Staggered Class Times: Class sizes have been reduced based on studio size to allow for social distancing during class. Also, class start times have been staggered by 15- minute intervals to help with the flow of students in/out of the studios and for sanitation of the studios between classes. Please note the start of your dancer's class time and please have them line up no more than 5 minutes before class starts in their designated area.

Hand Sanitizing/Washing: Hand sanitizing stations will be placed outside of each studio area and in both the downstairs and upstairs lobby. Students will be asked to use hand sanitizer before entering the classroom. We also highly encourage students to wash their hands before class begins.

Temperature Check: Sick children will not be permitted to participate in class. If your child has a fever of 100° or more, please keep them home. Teachers will be checking student's temperatures before the beginning of each class, and they will be required to remove your child from the classroom and contact you to pick up your child. A make-up class will be scheduled.

Make-Up Classes: All make-up classes must be scheduled in advance. To make up classes, please contact Laura Johnson at johnson_laura3@columbusstate.edu. Failure to attend the make-up class for the day scheduled will result in forfeiture of the make-up class.

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Tuition Payments: Payments will no longer be accepted at The Rankin. To pay, please call Continuing Education at the Elizabeth Bradley Turner Center at 706-507-8070 between the hours of 8am-5pm Monday through Friday.

Communication: Our main form of communication is email. If you are not receiving emails from us, please notify Laura Johnson at johnson_laura3@columbusstate.edu so we can verify your email in the system. Paper copies of information will also be placed on the front desk in the downstairs lobby.

Water Fountains will not be Used: Please bring your own water bottle.

Physical Corrections: Due to the nature of learning dance and our mission to make safety our number one priority, it is necessary for you to understand our policy on physical corrections. Our teachers will give dancers physical corrections when required. Physical corrections to body alignment and technique are often necessary in order to teach a skill safely, have the dancer perform the skill correctly, and to help mitigate injury. YDC will be operating in a social and physical distancing environment, but even with best efforts and intentions there will be times when the prescribed distancing recommendation of 6 feet will be breached. Part of attending classes at YDC means that you understand that physical corrections will be part of the learning process and agree to permit your child's teacher to physically assist your child when needed.