

BEST PRACTICES FOR WA STATE DANCE STUDIOS
COVID-19. HYBRID/IN-PERSON CLASSES



As recommended by the Washington State Dance Studio Owners Coalition

1. Adhere and comply with current State phasing regulations/mandates.
<https://www.governor.wa.gov/issues/issues/covid-19-resources/covid-19-reopening-guidance-for-dance-businesses-and-workers>
2. **COMMUNICATION:**
Create and communicate a clear plan for your studio's hybrid/in-person safety and social distancing protocols.
 - A. Covid-19 waivers you create for your families to sign before allowing in-person instruction. Include all your safety mandates. Example liability waiver (See Quick Links)
 - B. Specific and transparent communication with your clients/families is essential. Keep them up to date and well informed of how things are going and thank them often for their support.
 - C. Be clear that all mandated protocols will be strictly enforced.
3. **SAFETY CHECK-IN:**
 - A. Create a check in area at your entrance or at each dance room, depending on your studio space design.
 - B. POST all State requirements necessary for entrance.
 - C. Keep a running log of each person that enters your studio including date/time.
 - D. Suggestion to take client temperatures with a Non-Contact Infrared Forehead thermometer.
 - E. Providing hand sanitizer/a touchless dispenser is best.

4. **ONCE INSIDE THE STUDIO:**
- A. Assign each dancer a dance space and a space to place their belongings. Dancers should only bring in a water bottle and necessary dance access
 - B. Based on your studio space layout, provide clear instructions for traffic flow to prevent congregating of dancers; such as dressing rooms, etc... (Suggestion to encourage dancers to layer their dance clothes for back to back classes to avoid having to use the dressing rooms)
 - C. Encourage dancers to bring their own water bottle & to not have water fountains available for use. Touchless water bottles refill stations are a good alternative.
 - D. Utilize fresh air flow in your dance studio as much as possible; doors to the outside open, windows open or fresh air vents. Hepa air purifiers are suggested if fresh air flow is not possible
 - E. Social distancing of dancers while waiting to enter class as well as during the class; 6 x 6 (or bigger) grids on the floor is recommended to help the dancers visually
 - F. Stay informed and follow current masking mandates for both staff/teachers and students

WASHINGTON STATE DANCE STUDIO OWNERS COALITION

- **First priority is advocating for studios to open
and remain open**
- **An ongoing organization to unite and advocate for all
laws/regulations that affect our industry in WA State**
- **We are a non-profit 501c organization**

