

FAQ's COVID-19

*All answers are based on the information released by Alberta Health pertaining to Phase 2 Openings - Dance studios have been moved into this phase as long as they follow the guidelines.

1. Are there any class size limits?

Yes, classes are limited to the number of students who can be socially distanced in a studio. For some studios, that is 12 students for some it is 18 students. All of our studios meet or exceed the distances required in class. Barre space is placed 6 feet apart, center work is up to 8 feet apart or more in some studios.

2. How are you social distancing in the classrooms?

Barre and center spots have been marked as listed above. We are fortunate that dance is an activity that naturally lends itself to social distancing (dancers are used to holding a formation).

3. Who, how and when will the dance classrooms be cleaned?

Hard surfaces will be cleaned between each class based on AB Health recommendations, including the door handles, stereo and barres. The floors will be cleaned according to AB Health recommendations, which is several times a day. For summer dance camp, this will occur between cohort groups. Floors will be cleaned in the evening or morning as well. Our staff will be conducting cleaning with additional support from the professional custodial staff at Vimy. Similar guidelines will be in place in for September.

4. Is there going to be staggered entry into the classrooms, so that there are not over crowding of dancers waiting to get in?

For our summer dance camp, we have staggered entrance times and multiple entrances (east and west doors) so that only one group is coming in at a time. Students will be asked to respond to the AB Health questionnaire before entering the building, and will sanitize hands both coming in and out of the building (or dance area). We anticipate similar guidelines may be in place for the fall.

5. Who is expected to wear a mask?

AB Health guidelines remain unclear at this time regarding mask use. Our staff will be wearing masks if they cannot maintain the 2 meter distance so that they may safely correct students and run the class. We will follow Alberta Health Guidelines for mask wearing for students.

6. Is there daily screening done, and by whom?

ESB Staff will be conducting a verbal questionnaire as outlined on the Alberta Health website to rule out symptoms. We will continue to do so in the fall if required by AB Health Guidelines.

7. Are parents allowed in the building to wait for their children?

Parents with dancers 3-7 years can enter with their child once they answer the screening questions but are asked to leave the building once the class starts.

For dancers 8 and up, parents need to remain outside. This will be updated in September if recommendations change. Please ensure your information is up to date on your parent portal so we have the correct telephone number to reach you in case of emergency.

8. Where will the children be allowed to eat, and change?

At this time, dressing rooms will be closed and we will be encouraging dancers to bring minimal items with them. Dancers will take all belongings with them into the studio. If dancers are there long enough to require food, then they will eat in the studio (supervised) and monitored by staff. Water bottles should be brought from home and must be labelled with the student's name.

9. How often are the bathrooms cleaned on Saturdays?

New protocols will ask our clients to use a disinfecting wipe to clean the toilet handle, taps and door knobs. Additionally, staff will clean each washroom regularly or as suggested by AB health.

10. If someone shows up sick, will they be immediately sent home?

Yes, new protocols for both staff and students will have anyone falling ill being isolated, parents contacted and leaving the building. Additional cleaning would then take place.

11. If the Alberta government and Alberta health deems that schools will not be open in the fall, will dance be postponed?

Under current phase 2 regulations, the Edmonton School of Ballet could continue classes if allowed even if schools are facing additional restrictions. Of course, if recommended, classes would continue with Zoom classes if it is not safe to gather.

12. Will there be Zoom Class in the fall?

Dance studios are listed under phase 2 and therefore we anticipate classes will resume in studio. Should the situation change, we will move to the online Zoom classes or hybrid classes (in studio/zoom) as required.

13. What would happen with fees if we move to Zoom classes?

We have chosen to keep our teachers employed at their regular rates so that we can ensure continued quality training for our dancers, both on Zoom and once we return to in-studio classes. We will continue to assess if refunds or credits are appropriate. We are proud to continue to offer high quality classes by professional teachers in which we have continued to see our students improve and develop even when dancing at home.

The situation is ever changing and evolving so we prefer to make decisions in a careful and measured way once we are in possession of the facts. We have made the best decisions we can for now and will of

course adjust as needed as we move forward in this process. We promise to make reasonable and fair decisions based on whatever circumstances we are faced with at the time. We are committed to working with our families to ensure that they can continue with dance. We appreciate your loyalty and support through these unprecedented times. Thank you for being for being amazing parents!

Sincerely,

ESB/VIMY Admin Team