



Art in Motion
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COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN

1. How will you ensure all participants know how and are able to keep themselves safe from exposure to COVID-19 and prevent the spread of COVID-19?

- Anyone entering the studio will sanitize their hands upon entry and before leaving. There will also be an opportunity to sanitize hands during class.
- All staff will be trained on our studio protocols and informed of any updates or revisions.
- Dancers and parents/guardians will also be informed of the protocols that they will need to adhere to before classes commence.
- All touch points, floors, and equipment will be disinfected in between classes by teachers.
- In accordance with the mandatory mask directive (in effect July 24), face masks are mandatory in all public areas of our building. Face masks are encouraged when dancing in the studio, but not mandatory during physical activity.

As stated in the Thunder Bay District Health Unit Letter to Business Owners:

f) permit the temporary removal of a mask or face covering where necessary for the purposes of:

i. actively engaging in an athletic or fitness activity including water-based activities;

- Students must arrive to class dressed appropriately in dance attire. **Change rooms will be closed.** All shoes will be placed on the shelves outside the studio entrances. Belongings in small dance bags will be placed in a 'belongings box' which students will take into class to their designated spot.
- Class sizes are limited to meet Provincial and Local Health & Safety requirements, so dancers and teachers can maintain social distancing.
- Each studio floor will be marked with tape to create 6 x 6-foot squares allowing a pathway between each student's dancing space. Students will dance within their designated square and, in doing so, maintain a social distance of 6 feet on all sides.
- The class schedule is structured to prevent overcrowding in the lobby and limit traffic in and out of the studio.

2. How will you screen for COVID-19?

- All dancers, parents/guardians, and staff members will be asked screening questions when arriving at the studio entrance.
- All dancers, parents/guardians, and staff members must self-monitor.
- Individuals must not enter the studio if they have arrived from international travel, are feeling unwell, or have any symptoms of COVID-19.
- Parents are encouraged to take their child's temperature before arriving at the studio. Parents must be accountable for checking in with their children and keeping them home if they are unwell. Staff will also be encouraged to take their own temperatures and stay home if unwell.
- All dancers, parents/guardians, and staff members will do a check-in when they arrive at the studio. Class teachers will observe students for any signs of COVID-19 symptoms.
- Any participants that are feeling unwell or showing symptoms of COVID-19 during class will be sent home. Parents/guardians must be able to pick up their dancers quickly from the studio should they become unwell.

3. How will you control the risk of transmission in your studio?

- Each dancer will be given their own mat or equipment to use for classes that require these items. Mats or other equipment will be disinfected before and after use.
- For acro classes: students will be required to use hand sanitizer at the beginning and the end of each tumbling pass along the tumble track. The track will be wiped down in between participants.
- Teachers and assistants must wear masks in the studio when spotting or during hands on corrections in any class.
- All touch surfaces, equipment, and floors will be disinfected between classes by the class teacher.
- Increased daily and weekly cleaning & disinfecting protocols will be implemented outside of class hours.
- The bathrooms will be regularly sanitized by staff.
- Each studio will have its own designated bathroom and there will not be sharing of bathrooms between studio rooms.
- Students must bring full water bottles with them to class. Filling of water bottles will not be permitted at the studio for sanitary reasons.

- All choreography and training will be designed to comply with social distancing and other safety protocols. However, it will also be flexible so that it can revert to a less socially distanced format whenever that time comes.
- Increased signage relating to COVID-19 protocols will be placed around the studio to help direct traffic within the studio and to keep all participants informed.

4. What will you do if there is a potential case, or suspected exposure to, COVID-19 at your studio?

- If there is a potential case or suspected exposure to COVID-19, the individual will be isolated and removed.
- The TBDHU will be notified.
- All members that may have been in contact with the individual that is COVID-19 positive or who has symptoms and is awaiting test results will be notified immediately.

5. How will you manage any new risks caused by changes to the way you operate your business?

- Any new risks or problems that may be introduced will be dealt with immediately, and following the directives of the TBDHU and the Province of Ontario.
- We will implement staff meetings and open communication to ensure our staff is coping well with the protocols in place.
- There will be ongoing communication and updates to meet the needs of our participants. The health and safety of all of AIM members is our main priority.