



2021-22 Season Protocols for Operations, Sanitizing, and Social Distancing

General Guidelines and Information

- Teaching artists, Twirl staff, and students must stay home if they are feeling ill, displaying symptoms of COVID-19, or have had close contact with someone with COVID-19.
- Students and Twirl staff who are COVID positive or have had direct contact with a COVID positive person must adhere to PA Department of Health quarantine guidelines.
- Typically, we love people hanging out at Twirl but these are crazy times so no parents or family members will be allowed in the building during class.
- Outside and interior doors will be open as much as possible to allow for air circulation.

Drop off/Pick up Procedures

- Dancers will arrive at Twirl in their dance clothes. Please no changing clothes in the Twirl restrooms. If they must... dancers can change clothes in the car. It's no big deal. We've all done it before!
- Students will be dropped off at the door of the dance studio. At the door, they will have their temperature taken with a touchless thermometer and given hand sanitizer. Dancers with a temperature of 100°F or more will not be allowed to take class.
- Please don't arrive at the door too early! Students will not be allowed into the building until 5 minutes before the start of their class.
- Three studios. Three entrances. How convenient! Students scheduled for classes in Studio A will enter through the Twirl office door, students in Studio B classes will enter through the main lobby (the door all the way to the right), and students dancing in the Twirl Annex will enter through the Annex lobby door.
- We love you guys. We really do! However, no parents or family members will be allowed in the lobby during class. Please take this into consideration when it comes to separation anxiety and your child.
- For pickup, students will be released one at a time to whoever is picking them up at the door. They'll get a complimentary squirt of hand sanitizer before they leave.

Masks/Face Coverings

- All Twirl teaching artists and staff must wear face coverings at all times. We'll be smiling underneath!

- All students/dancers will also wear masks at all times while at Twirl. If dancers get really winded during class they can take a brief mask break. Students will never be refused a mask break if they request one.
- Please contact Twirl if you have a dancer who has a medical exception to our mask policy.

Dance Class Protocols

- Class sizes will be limited for social distancing purposes. One of Twirl's studio rooms has space for eleven socially distanced dancers at least six feet apart, another room has room for twelve socially distanced students, and one studio room can fit thirteen dancers spaced at least six feet apart. If more than the maximum capacity of students is registered for a class, there will be a scheduled rotation where eleven or twelve or thirteen students (depends on the room) will take class in-person and the remainder will dance at home via livestream Zoom. The in-person and virtual students will rotate weekly. This means a class of fourteen students will have eleven or twelve or thirteen students (depending on the room) dancing in person with one, two, or three Zooming from home every week. NOTE: Preschool classes are capped at 10 students, classes for ages 5-7 are capped at 13-14 students, and classes for ages 8+ are capped at 14-16 students.
- Dancers will only bring their dance shoes and a water bottle to class ideally in a small bag or backpack. These will remain on the floor adjacent to students assigned square.
- For our 2021-22 season, Twirl will not use props for dance classes and nothing that is touched will be shared.
- There will be no physical contact in Twirl dance classes. That means no hand holding, partnering, high fives, or anything that involves physical contact. There may be exceptions for instructor spotting in acrobatics classes, which will be kept to a minimum.
- For acrobatics classes, mats will be sanitized with Microban once daily on days with one acro class and twice daily on days with multiple acro classes. Microban is a spray that kills bacteria and viruses on contact for 24 hours. Acro students will have their own six-foot mat area for warmups and stationary skills, and will also do progressions down the Microban treated mats and share common Microban treated wedge mats as well. This means that acrobats will be in physical contact with common mat areas sanitized with Microban. Instructors will be spotting students when necessary, but spotting will be kept to a minimum (FYI: Most acrobatics teaching experts would argue that students progress more quickly with less spotting!).

Cleaning

- Anyone who knows Twirl knows that we LOVE to clean... even before things went crazy. Between every class, floors will be steamed and all surfaces including barres, door knobs and anything else that can and will be touched will be wiped down and sanitized.
- Like clockwork, bathrooms will be cleaned and sanitized every hour.