

# Ashland Regional Ballet / Opus II Dance Studio (ARB/OPUS) COVID-19 RESPONSE PLAN

**The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization.**

## **INFECTIOUS DISEASE PREVENTION**

It is the intent of the Ashland Regional Ballet Board of Directors, Artistic Director, School Director, and Staff to use proactive steps to protect the dance studio and rehearsal hall from an infectious disease outbreak. It is the goal of the Board, Directors, and Staff to strive to operate effectively and ensure that instruction activities are provided and that staff and students/visitors are safe within our environment. This policy is being implemented to ensure that we meet the guidelines put forth by the State Governor, Ohio Department of Health and the Local Health Department, and shall remain in effect until the Governor changes the requirements of businesses to meet necessary standards to operate.

The Board of Directors is authorized to establish and revise, as needed, the procedures to be utilized to implement this policy.

## **ARB/OPUS GUIDELINES**

### **PROMOTE HEALTHY HYGIENE PRACTICES:**

#### *Handwashing & Face Masks*

- All students, staff, and faculty will be required to wear a face mask or shield while **entering/exiting the dance studio/rehearsal hall**
- In addition, everyone will be required to wear a face mask in **ALL common areas** outside of the studio spaces (lobby, hallways, bathrooms, break areas, etc.)
- **Hand sanitizer stations** are located throughout the buildings, and there are soap dispensers in all restroom facilities.
- We kindly request that ALL students come prepared with an **individual sized bottle** of hand sanitizer if available.

### **PROCEDURE TO CHECK FOR SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS:**

#### *Daily Temperature Checks and Symptom Monitoring (below 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit)*

- All students and staff will be required to have their **temperature taken daily and answer a series of screening questions** prior to entering the building. **ARB/OPUS** will have **staff** to assist with this task.
- If any student or staff member displays symptoms while they are within the building, he/she will be sent immediately to an **isolation room** and parent/guardian will be called for pick up.
- If students or staff show any symptoms of illness, please **STAY HOME** and notify staff of the absence. Further instructions will be handled accordingly.

## **SOCIAL DISTANCING**

*Will occur through increased spacing, small groups, limited interaction between groups, & staggered scheduling*

### **GENERAL GUIDELINES:**

- Our Summer Programs will be operating at **50% of the normal capacity**.
- Multiple studios will be utilized within each session to allow for social distancing.
- There will be **NO hands-on corrections** or choreography which includes **physical contact**.

### **SMALL GROUPS:**

- Each program will be divided into smaller groups.
- Once assigned, **ALL students** will remain with their group for the entire intensive (**including lunch and break periods**). This will limit interaction/contact between groups.

### **REST ROOMS AND DANCER BELONGINGS:**

- Each dancer will be **assigned a chair** to store belongings.
- The dressing room areas will have **limited access** and prolonged occupancy will be prohibited. So please have your student arrive dressed and ready for class.
- Please **limit the number of items** being brought into the facility from home to those that are a necessity.
- Common areas will be monitored to avoid overcrowding (bathrooms, common areas, etc.)
- Chairs have been separated to ensure proper social distancing.

### **DAILY CLEANING AND DISINFECTING PROCEDURES:**

**ARB/OPUS** has implemented a daily routine of cleaning procedures to reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19 including:

- Disinfecting barres before and after each class.
- Disinfecting main common areas including lobby, bathrooms, stairwells, and studios. This will happen between Morning and Afternoon sessions and daily after closing the facility.
- A thorough sanitation of the facility has been completed prior to the start of Summer Programming.

### **ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL PROCEDURES:**

*No family members or friends will be allowed into the facility for drop-off or pick-up.*

### **STUDENT DROP-OFF GUIDELINES:**

- Drop-off will begin **20-minutes prior** to the start of your student's session.
- If you arrive earlier, students must **wait in your vehicle** parked in the side lot area.
- After drop-off students will be asked to **line up** by standing on the indicated **6 ft apart on the sidewalk outside the building** to await their temperature check and check in.

### **STUDENT PICK-UP PROCEDURE:**

- Students will be released in smaller numbers at the end of each session.
- Pick-up drivers will be asked to **wait in their vehicles** in the side lot area.
- Unfortunately, we will not be able to allow students to stay at the studio past their **session pick-up time** due to limited number restrictions within the facility.

## **SELF-HEALTH ASSESSMENT GUIDELINES**

**If you have any of these symptoms notify the Staff immediately:**

- Fever
- Shortness of breath (not severe)
- Cough
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell

**Are you ill, or caring for someone who is ill?**

- Staff, Students, or Visitors who are well but who have a sick family member at home with COVID-19 should not enter the studio workspace
- If a Staff Member, Student, or Visitor is confirmed to have COVID-19, you must notify the School Director immediately.

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