

Dovbush School of Ukrainian Dance COVID-19 Protocols

As we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic, we remain committed in following the guidelines under the Provincial Health Authority (PHO), WorkSafeBC and the City of Vancouver. We have been working with the AUUC Executive committee to create organization-wide standards.

We take our role as members of your community seriously. Following you will find the procedures and protocols we will have in place to guarantee a safe reopening. As we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic, we remain committed to doing everything we can to help flatten the curve.

We believe it is our responsibility to provide a safe, sanitized, and comfortable environment for all by following our protocols and procedures. Communication will be sent to families who are registered for our programs regarding health requirements, protocols and through visible signage at entrances and drop off areas. Instructors will receive training in all our protocols and procedures listed below.

Registration Update

September 19th, 2020, classes will resume. Registrations are due September 7. Class placements will be sent out once all registrations have been received.

Forms and payment options will be available online. Parents will sign the forms acknowledging the information is correct and/or correcting the information and will send the completed form with their child in an envelope on the first day of classes.

Due to continually changing Covid-19 restrictions, class start times may need to be adjusted to accommodate drop off/pick up flow, and studio cleaning. Class sizes will be capped at a small number and class length will be shortened to maintain physical distancing during class and regular cleaning between classes. Online instruction will be considered as required, depending upon the guidance of the BC Provincial Health Authority.

The Class schedule for 2020-2021 will be as follows:

- Zaychyky: 9:30-10:15
- Bilka: 10:30-11:15
- Zirka: 11:30-12:30
- Veselka: 12:45-1:45
- Yalnynka/Druzhba: 2:00-3:30

Our goal is to create a “Year End Show” which will be performed in costume by dancers at the Ukrainian Hall and will be filmed and edited by a professional videographer. We plan to work with the other cultural groups at the Hall in order to produce a high-quality keepsake video in 2021, if the current restrictions on gatherings remain in place. If there is the opportunity to hold a concert in a theatre, our spot at the Centennial Theatre in North Vancouver has been rebooked for Friday, June 11, 2021.

Physical Distancing

A maximum of 10 dancers per class in the Main Hall only.

One dance class only will run per block in the Main Hall.

Choir classes will take place in the Lower hall at times throughout the morning.

Time will be allowed between classes to minimize social contact and to allow for enhanced cleaning procedures.

Dancers will be assigned their “dance box” on the studio floor and “barre spot” marked with the dancer’s name to ensure social distancing.

Choreography will not include any physical contact/touching.

We will engage in touchless greetings. We will not be shaking hands, high 5’ing, or sharing hugs at this time.

Drop Off/Pick Up

Directions will be mapped out beside the rear laneway doors where parents and dancers will line up for drop-off.

Dancers will enter via the rear laneway doors, not the main entrance.

Dancers will exit via the main door; parents will remain outside for pick up.

Parents and caregivers will not be allowed to enter the building until further notice, to ensure compliance with cleaning protocols and complete contact tracing.

Illness & Safety measures

Only dancers and instructors will be permitted to enter the building and attendance will be taken. Records will be kept up-to-date and available to facilitate contact tracing.

Dancers will be asked prior to entering the building to confirm that they are feeling well – no fever, cough, or difficulty breathing.

A questionnaire will be available by email as a final checklist that attendees do not carry any risk factors.

Dancers are not permitted to enter the building if

- they have a fever, cough, difficulty breathing, cold or sneezing, please stay at home.
- they have been outside the country in the past 14 days
- they have been in close contact with a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19
- they have a family member is sick at home

Any person connected to a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 will be required to:

- remain at home and not come to class,
- report to Dovbush School so we can take appropriate contact tracing and cleaning measures,
- report to health authorities,
- follow the direction of the Provincial Health Authority.

The Ukrainian Hall does not have a forced air ventilation system but windows will be open to allow for maximum fresh outside air in the studio.

If a dancer develops flu-like symptoms, the child will be isolated from other children. The parent or caregiver will be notified to come and pick them up immediately.

If an instructor develops illness while at work, they will immediately remove themselves from any contact with others, notify the Director, and go home.

All touch surfaces and floors in contact with the person who was ill will be cleaned and disinfected immediately.

All dance families will be notified in an appropriate manner, following the guidelines of the BC Health Authority.

If an instructor or dancer develops symptoms while not at the Hall, they must contact Health Link BC at 8-1-1 and contact the DSUD Director immediately.

Instructors will not report to work until it is safe to do so.

The BC Self-Assessment Tool can be used to help individuals recognize COVID-19 symptoms.
<https://bc.thrive.health/>

Cleaning Protocols

Dancers' and instructors' hands will be sanitized upon entering and exiting the building, before and after breaks, and after bathroom visits. Dancers will be supervised while washing their hands with soap and water for a minimum of 20 seconds.

Studios will be disinfected/sanitized between groups ie: floors, barres, door knobs and any touchable surface areas. A "Cleaning Log" will be kept.

Supplies will be available to teachers including Hand Sanitizer and sanitizers for touchable surfaces.

Instructors will receive training on cleaning practices.

Dancer Protocols

Cell phone use will be prohibited during class time as devices are not clean

Water bottles will be kept with dancers' bags inside their assigned space in the studio.

Dancers will not be allowed to bring food to the Hall.

The use of a mask is optional.

NO DANCER WILL BE PERMITTED AT DOVBUSH SCHOOL OF UKRAINIAN DANCE IF THEY OR A FAMILY MEMBER ARE NOT FEELING WELL. NO EXCEPTIONS.