

Covid-19 Protocol for Minto Dance Academy
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DANCERS AND STAFF:

Hand sanitization, or hand washing, will be required of all dancers and staff for every class.

Physical distancing will be required in class. Choreography will be done in such a way as to maintain distance, but be adaptable when/if provincial guidelines change.

We will operate with a reduced capacity. The number of students permitted to enroll in a class will be eight (8). To reduce contact, we will limit the use of student assistants in our classes.

The teacher (or a volunteer) will sanitize commonly touched surfaces between every class.

Mats and props will only be used as necessary. The items will be sanitized following each use.

Dancers are encouraged to use the washroom at home, and avoid use of the public washroom at the studio.

Dancers are encouraged to bring their own, labeled, water bottle to class, if needed.

Food and eating during classes is not permitted.

Dancers should bring ONLY items which are necessary for the dance class. ie. no toys, extra clothing, shoes, etc.

Dancers and Staff must wear a face covering/mask while inside the waiting room and studio.

DANCERS AND PARENTS:

Anyone who has a confirmed case of Covid-19, who has attended a class or event at MDA during the previous 7 days, is asked to email mintodanceacademy@gmail.com so that we can notify affected staff and dancers. WDG Public Health instructions for exposure will be followed.

The lobby will be closed to all spectators and people waiting for dancers.

All registered dancers 12 years of age and up, will be asked to provide proof of vaccination for Covid-19 using the Ontario QR Code.

All volunteers and spectators at recitals/demos, etc., 12 years of age and up, will be asked to provide proof of vaccination for Covid-19 using the Ontario QR Code.

A COVID-19 Self-assessment for all persons entering MDA must be completed prior to attending.

Any dancers exhibiting symptoms of illness during classes will have a parent/guardian contacted and the dancer will be sent home.

Staff will have contact information to use in situations where the dancer needs a parent/guardian's immediate attention.

The waiting room/lobby will be open as a transitional space only. **Crowding must be avoided and 6 feet of distance should be maintained.** Please give priority of this space to dancers waiting for classes to start and changing their footwear. Dancers who require assistance with their footwear should aim to become self-sufficient. **Masks must be worn in the waiting room.**

Parents should ensure that dancers arrive on time for their classes, but not too early.

Classes may be dismissed 5 minutes early to allow for sanitizing and clear traffic flow. Please be ready for pick-up outside at that time.

*We know that this pandemic is creating stress for some dancers and parents, and Minto Dance Academy is making choices and taking actions to keep our community safe. We will stay up-to-date with the provincial health and safety guidelines, and reassess our programs as needed. We plan to do a full assessment in December, and consider any changes for January at that time. Thank you for your cooperation.