

OBJECTIVE

These procedures are prepared by the **Ruth Page Center School of Dance** in accordance with CDC guidance, as well as State and Local requirements. This document details the Center's health and safety protocols designed to minimize the potential for exposure and spread of COVID-19 during summer programming.

CURRICULUM CHANGES

Studios are capped at **12-15** dancers (spaces marked at barre) **1** instructor, **1** accompanist, and **1** technology assistant.
No hands-on corrections
No partnering classes
Staggered dismissal times
Dancers will take regular breaks throughout class
Dancers may not leave the Center during program hours
Dressing Rooms and Lockers will be closed

GENERAL INFORMATION

SPRING TERM: Mon, April 19, – Sat, June 12, 2021

IN-PERSON PROGRAM HOURS: Mon/Tu/Th 9:00am – 8:00pm; Wed 9:00am – 3:00pm and SAT 9:00am – 3:00pm. **BUILDING CLOSED** Fri/Sun

Ruth Page School of Dance (RPSD) will temporarily reduce its Spring term to 8 weeks and its hours until laws and mandates relevant to COVID-19 are lifted. This limits prolonged exposure and ensures the building can be properly cleaned throughout the day and thoroughly every night.

ARRIVAL PROCEDURES:

The doors will be unlocked 8:45am* – 9:45am and 3:30pm – 6:45pm
Ring doorbell for entry during locked hours. *Access prior to 8:45am will not be permitted Please observe 6ft/2m social distancing at all times. Only program participants will be allowed access beyond the vestibule. There will be no outside visitors, parents or guardians allowed beyond this point. **Check-In Screening** will take place upon entry into the building. **Dancers must arrive wearing a mask. RPSD Masks are available for purchase \$12.00**

- Dancers/Families will complete a Covid-19 waiver at the beginning of the term and will complete a Thermoscan temperature reading, daily.
- Dancers must arrive with [dance clothes underneath street clothes, own equipment](#) (mat, water bottle, dance shoes, etc.) Loaner dancewear is no longer available. Limited items are available for purchase.
- Dancers will be placed in their level and studio prior to starting the program. If placement is required it must be scheduled in advance.
- Please arrive no more than 15 minutes prior for Check-In Screening.
- Parents/caretakers are unable to wait for their dancer nor accompany their dancer beyond the vestibule.
- Dancers will be assigned a restroom during their class.



PHYSICAL DISTANCING:

6ft/2m physical distancing will be maintained and marked throughout the building, including stairwells, corridors, studios and restrooms. Please limit multi-stall restrooms to 2 persons at a time.

Dressing Rooms and Lockers are closed until further notice.

Wearing a mask is mandatory at all times in public access spaces of the building and the studios.

Occupancy of public spaces are limited to the gathering of no more than 10 persons while still maintaining physical distance protocols. Occupancy limits will be posted on the door of each studio.

All studios are setup for live simulcast/video broadcast*

**In the event of cessation of the program video broadcast will be used*

Rules of the Road: Staircases will be limited to one-way traffic. South Staircase (left staircase) to go up; North Staircase (right staircase) to go down. **Elevator use not permitted.**

PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE

The reception desk will be outfitted with a Sneeze Guard in an attempt to minimize exposure due to close contact. Lysol and hand sanitizer will be provided at the front desk for your use. Soft surfaces have been removed from all common areas.

Hand-sanitizing stations are located upon entry to the building and on every floor. Additional cleaning/sanitizing supplies are located in each studio.

Water bottle refilling stations will remain in use. Refrain from using water fountain/drinking spouts. **Please observe 6ft/2m social distancing.**

Wash early, wash often. Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use the hand sanitizer provided.

Key times for handwashing:

- Before and after class
- After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
- Before and after using the restroom
- Before and after eating lunch
- After putting on, touching, or removing cloth face coverings.

CLEANING

HEIGHTENED DEEP-CLEANING PROCESS

RPCA is implementing CDC recommendations for cleaning and disinfecting our building. Overnight cleaning and disinfecting will take place Monday – Sunday, in addition to daily spot cleaning during business hours. Additionally, air purifiers have been placed in all studios.

RPCA staff will regularly clean high-touch surfaces throughout the day using disinfectants approved for use against SARS-CoV-2 in all common areas.

Ballet Barres will be cleaned after each **scheduled** use, in addition to daily overnight cleaning.

Studio Floors will be mopped and sanitized after each scheduled use, in addition to daily overnight cleaning.

COMMUNITY CLEANING EFFORTS

RPCA asks that you assist in the efforts to keep the building and your offices clean. Cleaning stations will be positioned throughout the building and in the studio for the dancers use. Please be sure to wipe down your station at the barre.



COVID – 19 RESOURCES

[Chicago COVID19 Response Center](#)

[Restore Illinois Plan](#)

[COVID-19 Prevention](#)

[Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting](#)

[Identifying COVID-19](#)

[EPA Disinfectants for Use](#)

IN CASE OF SUSPECTED COVID – 19

The Lower Level Lounge is the designated “Quarantine Area”. This area will be remained locked and only accessed by RPCA staff and emergency medical professionals.

This room is intended for use by anyone who may have symptoms when they arrive to and/or become sick during the day. This area will allow for proper isolation, contact tracing, and to make necessary travel arrangements. If a dancer or a staff member is identified as symptomatic during the program, they will be immediately isolated.

At that point in time:

- Ruth Page Front Desk will contact our local health facility (or your healthcare provider and/or emergency contacts) to notify them that we are seeking care for someone who has or may have COVID-19 and to determine the best course of action.
- All building occupants will be sent home and the building will be closed for 24hrs before cleaning and disinfecting to minimize potential for exposure. **The program(s) will be terminated.** Virtual Class Protocol will be implemented.
- Local health officials’ recommendations for the scope and duration of dismissal and building closure will be implemented. The program(s) will be terminated.
- Anyone who develop symptoms outside of the building should notify us immediately. Please email Covid19@RuthPage.org and stay home.
- Sick persons should follow CDC-recommended steps. You should not return to the building.

