



## **VIREO School of Performing Arts Ltd.**

### **COVID-19 Safety Procedures - Summer 2020**

VIREO School of Performing Arts Ltd. is thrilled to be open for Summer 2020! We are so excited to welcome you into the studio safely and comfortably. The following procedures and policies are in place to protect the physical and mental health and safety of our staff and dance families. We can't wait to get back to doing what we love!

#### **PHYSICAL DISTANCING PROCEDURES:**

- The studio displays proper signage inside and outside as recommended by health authorities, as well as proper visuals to ensure physical distancing. These visuals include physical distancing markers and arrows on the floor as well as taped boxes on the studio floor 6ft apart to indicate each dancer's safe dance zone.
- We have limited class/camp sizes for proper physical distancing and safety.
- The lobby and parent waiting area is closed to parents and families at this time. We hope to welcome you in for a cup of coffee soon!
- VIREO staff will closely monitor dancers' physical distancing and no-contact during classes, and there will be no contact between dancer-dancer or dancer-instructor. We have adjusted all of our classes to be just as fun, exciting, safe, and educational without contact/spotting/lifts.

#### **DROP OFF/PICK UP/BETWEEN CLASS PROCEDURES:**

- The studio doors will open 10 minutes prior to the start of a class or camp. On the first day of a camp, the doors will open 15-20 minutes before camp starts so parents may pay and/or check in at the front desk.
- On the first day of camp, one parent/guardian may enter the studio with their child to ensure they are comfortable, and to make a payment or check in at the front desk. However, we kindly ask that you drop your dancer off at the studio and return at pick up. We miss having parents watching from the lobby and we can't wait for the day that this restriction is lifted!

- For dancers age 6 and under, one parent/guardian may enter the studio to safely bring them into the building. Once the dancer is safely inside the building and feels comfortable, they are fully supervised by VIREO staff and we ask that their parent/guardian please exit the studio.
- If dancers are taking multiple back-to-back classes, they will be asked to wash their hands between classes and wait in the lobby while continuing to practice physical distancing.
- Please arrive on time to pick up your dancer as all dancers will be asked to promptly exit the studio within 10 minutes of their class or camp ending so full sanitization of the studio can begin.

### **SCREENING AND SANITIZATION PROCEDURES:**

- Full sanitization of the studio includes use of government recommended cleaner/sanitizer on the dance floor, barres, and other commonly touched surfaces before and after each class or camp.
- Studio equipment such as acro mats, yoga mats, yoga blocks, weights, therabands, etc. will likely not be used in classes and camps, but if a piece of equipment needs to be used, it will be fully sanitized before and after each use.
- Common areas and commonly touched surfaces will be fully sanitized twice daily. Again, the studio where dancing occurs will be fully sanitized between each class.
- We will do our best to avoid the frequent touching of surfaces/objects by dancers. Some examples include only the instructor opening doors, turning on lights, touching door handles, etc. We will prop the doors open before/after classes and camps to reduce number of hands touching door handles.
- The studio will provide government recommended cleaner/sanitizer throughout the studio to be used on commonly touched objects/surfaces after use as well as providing hand sanitizer for all dancers and instructors to use.
- If you (instructor or dancer)/your child/any member of your household is ill or has any symptoms of COVID-19, we ask that you please stay home and do not enter the studio.
- Each instructor and dancer that enters the studio will be screened as per Island Health and government guidelines. As per these guidelines, VIREO reserves the right to send any instructor or dancer home who appears to be ill or displaying symptoms of COVID-19. Although there will be absolutely no consequences for instructors or dancers who do not attend a class due to illness/COVID-19, we maintain our policy that there will be no refunds or financial compensation given from the studio to any dance family whose child is unable to attend a class unless they withdraw from the class or camp before the session begins.

## **HYGIENE, PERSONAL BELONGINGS, AND DANCE WEAR PROCEDURES:**

- Instructors and dancers will be asked to wash their hands upon arrival at the studio and at the end of each class. Additionally, hand sanitizer will also be provided for staff and students.
- As per BC CDC guidelines, masks and gloves are not recommended for this type of activity. However if an instructor or dancer chooses to wear a mask and/or gloves, they may do so and will be treated respectfully.
- As always, instructors and dancers must arrive at the studio well-groomed and clean, in clean dance wear, with hair neatly up off of the face.
- Instructors and dancers will be asked to limit the amount of personal belongings they bring into the studio, and we will limit access to certain areas of the studio for safety reasons i.e. Studio B, office.
- Dancers and instructors will be asked to arrive already in dance wear with hair done to limit the amount of clothing and personal belongings brought into the studio.
- The dress code will be more relaxed to reduce the need to change clothing between classes i.e. no ballet tights necessary if you have Hip Hop right after, however please ensure your dance wear is clothing specifically worn for dance class ONLY. Street clothes will not be permitted.
- The washroom will be available if needed, however we encourage dancers and instructors to change and use the washroom at home.
- Wearing cover-ups or clothing over your dance wear into the studio is permitted.
- Each dancer and instructor will have a separate space for their personal belongings if needed that will be sanitized after each person stores their belongings.
- Please limit personal belongings brought into the studio to the following: one filled water bottle, cell phone if applicable, dance shoes, and one bag if needed. Additionally, instructors may bring any necessary teaching equipment i.e. laptop, music or demonstration-related electronics, chargers, etc.
- Please fill your water bottle up at home and bring it with you. Dancers and instructors will not have access to cups and mugs, tea/coffee, or the fridge or microwave.
- While snacks are permitted in the studio, dancers and instructors will be asked to wash their hands before and after they eat. Absolutely no sharing of water bottles or food will be permitted.