



## Miami City Ballet School Health and Safety Guidelines

The health and safety of our students are of paramount importance to Miami City Ballet School (MCBS.) We are closely monitoring the latest developments regarding coronavirus (“SARS-CoV-2,” which causes the disease known as “COVID-19”) to ensure that we are following appropriate recommendations from health authorities and to proactively implement measures to provide a safe environment.

**This guide is intended to be a dynamic document. Additional guidance will be followed as COVID-19 outbreak conditions change and new information about its transmission and impacts becomes available.** These materials have been developed by CIH Environmental Solutions, following the guidance of a Board-Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIHES) who performed a Building Wellness Verification program. The purpose of this program was to assess the current practices related to the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems, operations and maintenance, and facility management and to propose recommended actions for enhancement of conditions to assist in minimizing the potential for the spread of COVID-19 within the building. This has allowed us to develop a comprehensive plan of action that effectively and efficiently navigates the ever-changing dynamics of this “new normal.”

The basic recommendations outlined below are intended to assist MCBS in providing the students and other building occupants with an understanding of the suggested measures that are in place to minimize the potential for the spread of COVID-19. Since new information and data regarding COVID-19 and the coronavirus are rapidly being introduced by the scientific community, it should be noted that guidelines will continue to be updated and changed at a respective pace.

## School Operational Standards



Students will be required to arrive wearing their proper dancewear and will not be permitted to change in the dressing rooms.



Prior to student's arrival make sure to submit the Household Health Questionnaire. Student(s) class schedules will be staggered and students will not be allowed into the building until half hour before their class time.



Parents/Guardians not will be allowed into the building. Alternative methods for appointments will be offered by contacting the school office in advance (e.g. Phone/ Video conferencing.)



Facial covering will be optional for **all students, faculty, and staff.**



Hand disinfecting and hand washing will be part of the daily school routine. Anyone entering the building will be required to sanitize their hands upon entering the facility.



Parents/Guardians must arrive for student pick-up on time. All students will be required to exit as soon as class ends.

## Protocols for common spaces

Maximum allowable occupancy in all areas have been modified to ensure that proper social distancing can be achieved throughout the building. We have calculated allowable zones for interaction based on the six feet distancing criteria, and determined maximum occupancy for all areas. CDC signage will be posted in publicly trafficked locations emphasizing measures to “Stop the Spread of Germs” (CDC) and exercise social responsibility (e.g., hygiene.)

- ❖ Restrooms will be cleaned with CDC approved products.
- ❖ Students will not be allowed to use the dressing rooms.
- ❖ Students will **NOT** be allowed to use the elevators.
- ❖ The use of common water fountains will be eliminated. Water bottles **MUST** be marked with the student’s name. There are water filling stations available for students and guests.
- ❖ Students will not be allowed to use the gym.

## **Cleaning & Sanitation Protocol**

- ❖ CDC guidelines will be used to clean and disinfect all public spaces including but not limited to, front desk, offices spaces, elevator, elevator buttons, door handles, public bathrooms, stair handrails, dining surfaces, and seating areas.

## **Dining/Student Lounge Area Protocols**

- ❖ Please note that refrigerators and vending machines will not be available for use.
- ❖ Food delivery is not permitted

## **Required protocols if a student has signs or symptoms of COVID-19**

- ❖ Students must stay home if they are sick (e.g., experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 [fever, cough, or shortness of breath]).
- ❖ Students experiencing symptoms that could potentially be associated with COVID-19 will be required to present a negative PCR test taken at your earliest convenience after symptom onset to COVID Compliance Manager, Steven Texin [steven.texin@miamicityballet.org](mailto:steven.texin@miamicityballet.org) to be allowed to return to the building

## **Clearance to enter the building after testing positive for COVID-19**

Students who tested positive for COVID-19 will be required to stay home until they show a negative PCR test result.

### ISOLATION RULES (APPLY WHEN PERSON IS INFECTED WITH COVID-19)

- ❖ Infected person who is asymptomatic can now isolate for 5 days
- ❖ At the end of 5 days, if the student presents no symptoms, the student can return to school
- ❖ If the student still has any symptoms, they should continue isolating for 5 more days and stay home until the person feels better
- ❖ A negative PCR test must be presented to COVID Compliance Manager, Steven Texin [steven.texin@miamicityballet.org](mailto:steven.texin@miamicityballet.org) to be allowed to return to the building

## **Close contact to someone who tested positive**

Students who are well but have been around someone with COVID-19, should notify COVID Compliance Manager and follow CDC recommended precautions. Students need to quarantine after contact with someone who had COVID-19. Stay home, get tested 72 hours after their exposure and must show proof of a negative PCR Test to COVID Compliance Manager, Steven Texin [steven.texin@miamicityballet.org](mailto:steven.texin@miamicityballet.org) to be allowed to return to the building

## **Student with close family member/roommate**

- ❖ Students who are well but who have a sick family member at home with COVID-19, or have been around someone with COVID-19, should notify Covid Compliance Manager and follow CDC recommended precautions. Per the CDC, quarantine if you have been in close contact (within 6 feet of someone for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period) with someone who has COVID-19.
- ❖ Students need to quarantine after contact with someone who had COVID-19. Stay home, get tested with the RT-PCR 72 hours after their exposure and must show proof of a negative PCR Test to COVID Compliance Manager, Steven Texin [steven.texin@miamicityballet.org](mailto:steven.texin@miamicityballet.org) to be allowed to return to the building.

## **International Travel**

All students who have traveled out of the country must get tested for COVID-19 and provide proof of a negative PCR or Antigen result after arriving in the US. If the student shows no symptoms of COVID-19 after arriving in the US, they do not need to isolate.

## **Confidentiality**

MCBS will respect the privacy and confidentiality of any student who reports an illness. Please be aware that due to the seriousness of exposure to the novel Coronavirus/COVID-19, MCBS may need to inform others who came in close proximity to an infected student, and will do so without identifying the student by name. MCBS also may be required to notify governmental authorities, including the public health department, the CDC, and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

## **Compliance with Safety Protocols**

Students who fail to comply with the safety protocols or who engage in conduct that threatens the health or safety of their fellow students or our guests will be asked to leave the program.

## **Modification**

MCBS reserves the right to modify the terms of this document as necessary for business needs, updates to medical developments, to comply with applicable law, or due to changes in the information available regarding the control and treatment of COVID-19.

## **Questions or Concerns**

We are all responsible for our safe workplace and we appreciate the cooperation of all our students and parents to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. We will continue to closely monitor the situation and provide updates as needed. Any parent or guardian who has questions concerning these new safety procedures and policies, or has concerns regarding workplace safety, should contact the school office at 305-929-7007 or email us at [school@miamicityballet.org](mailto:school@miamicityballet.org).