



## COVID-19 Response Plan Protocols for Safe Reopening of Classes

**Please note this a working document subject to change and venue specific adjustments.**

*The measures set out in this document are designed to ensure a safe and enjoyable dance environment and have been compiled with reference to the Government's Public Health Guidelines on COVID-19 and the Irish Ballet Teacher Association's advice on the re-opening of dance schools.*

*Specifically, reference has been made to the following:*

- The Government's [Return to Work Safely Protocol: COVID-19 Specific National Protocol for Employers and Workers](#)
- *Public Health and HSE Guidelines ...?? (check Dance or Return to Education guidelines)*
- [IBTA - The place of the Ballet teacher in reopening](#)

Please note that these measures will be updated in accordance with any changes in public health advice regarding the COVID-19 Virus.

### **1. Procedures for Arrival and Pick-up**

- **Dancers** should not present for class if they are feeling unwell
- **Parents/Guardians must observe the one-way system in place at the main entrance to facilitate either drop-off or pick-up.**
- Dancers should arrive exactly on time, **as** early arrival or late arrival cannot be facilitated
- Dancers are required to arrive in practice clothes under tracksuit or coat.
- **No bags will be permitted in the hall.**
- Children will be escorted to exit point for pick-up.
- Parents/Guardians and non-dancers are not allowed to enter the hall and must wait outside
- Parents/Guardians must pick-up on time to avoid congregation of students outside buildings
- Parents/Guardians should maintain social distancing outside the hall while waiting for children

### **2. Procedures during and between Classes**

- Restricted numbers in classes in line with Government guidelines
- During the class social distancing will be encouraged at all times.
- **Toilet access will be minimized.**
- **Teachers will wash hands and use hand sanitiser between classes.**
- Teachers will wear face shields/masks during class changeovers.
- Before each class **all common touch-points and surfaces** will be wiped down and the hall/room will be aired. Please bear with us during this time as this **will** take a few minutes.

### **3. Lead Representatives re COVID-19 Measures**

- Megan Christie and Rebecca Lang

### **4. COVID-19 Prevention and Control Measures to Minimize Risk to Teachers and Students**

The prompt identification and, where appropriate, the isolation of potentially infectious students is crucial in protecting the student involved, the other students, teachers and others at the venue as well as our community in general.

**In this regard, WSD will:**

- **Keep a log of all classes held to facilitate contact tracing**
- **Keep an attendance roll to facilitate contact tracing**
- **Provide for a Designated Isolation Area at all WSD venues**

**Regarding contact tracing, it is crucial that parents/guardians ensure that their contact details as provided to WSD are up-to-date i.e. Mobile/home phone number, Postal address.**

### **5. Dealing with a Suspected Case of COVID-19 in the Workplace**

While teachers/students should not attend class if displaying any symptoms of COVID-19, the following measures will apply in dealing with a suspected case arising during a class.

- **The person displaying symptoms will be requested to wait in the designated isolation area**
- **Access to the isolated person by other students will not be permitted**
- Student's parent(s) will be contacted and will be requested to return immediately to the dance school and take their child home.
- Ballet teacher (or assistant teacher) will maintain 2 metre distance in the isolation area.
- Ballet teacher will wear face mask/shield in the isolation area.
- The teacher will avoid touching people, surfaces and objects.
- The person presenting with symptoms will be advised to cover their mouth and nose with the disposable mask provided when they cough or sneeze and put the tissue in the waste bag provided.
- Assessment of the incident will be undertaken in order to determine follow-up actions and recovery.
- Appropriate cleaning of the isolation area and work areas involved will follow.

- Wicklow School of Dance will provide contact tracing assistance as required by the HSE.

## **6. Information on Public Health and Occupational Health and Safety**

Health & Safety Authority: <http://www.hsa.ie/>

Health and Safety Authority Workplace Contact Unit: [wcu@hsa.ie](mailto:wcu@hsa.ie) and Tel: 1890 289 389

Health Service Executive, HSElive: <https://www.hse.ie/eng/hselive/> and Tel: 1850 241850