

TWDC Fall 2022 COVID Policy

We hope you had a fun, healthy, rejuvenating summer and are excited about the start of the upcoming dance school year. As we prepare for the first day of dance classes, we are continuing to be mindful of the risk of COVID-19 in our communities. We feel Boston Public schools does a fine job of creating sensible COVID policy so we will continue to follow their guidelines at the Tony Williams Dance Center. Additionally since the majority of our students also attend the Boston Public Schools it is reasonable to also follow their guidance in terms of protocols.

SELF-ASSESSMENT:

COVID-19 can affect anyone, and the disease can cause symptoms ranging from mild to severe. We encourage you to be familiar with COVID-19 symptoms. For a list of symptoms, please review [the BPS Home Health Checklist](#). Each day before attending school, we ask that students, families, and staff conduct a daily [self-assessment](#) to help keep our school communities safe. Some symptoms of COVID-19 may appear similar to those of the flu or a common cold; please do not assume your symptoms are a sign of a different illness.

MASKING:

At the Tony Williams Dance Center :lobby and studios, **masks are optional but recommended**, with the exception of the following circumstances in which **masks are required**:

- If student(s) or staff feel ill or exhibit symptoms while in school or on a bus.
- When student(s) or staff are exposed to an individual who tested positive for COVID-19. Individuals with known exposures must wear a mask for 10 days after exposure.
- When student(s) or staff return to classes from isolation within 10 days following their first positive test.

If a district wide mask mandate is called in BPS then we will also make masking mandatory at TWDC

COVID-19 VACCINE:

We encourage all who are eligible to get vaccinated and boosted. Vaccines remain the best way to protect yourself and others from COVID-19. Students grades K0-12 are eligible for vaccines. **If you haven't done so already, we encourage you to get your child vaccinated or boosted before school starts.** Please speak with your child's medical provider if you have any questions. [You can find a list of free, walk-in vaccine clinics here.](#)

COMMON QUESTIONS:

Q: *What do I do if my child tests positive?*

A: Parents and guardians are required to report a positive test result by contacting their child's school. Students and staff who have tested positive for COVID-19 should isolate at home for at least 5 days. After 5 or more days of isolation, if symptoms have resolved and the student/staff member has tested negative, they may return to school and must wear a mask until day 11 after their first positive test.

Q: *What do I do if someone in my household tests positive but my student is negative?*

A: If someone in your household tests positive for COVID-19, monitor your child for symptoms. If they do not exhibit symptoms and they test negative, they should come to school and wear a mask (for 10 days from exposure). You are not required to report if other members of your household are COVID-19 positive, but we encourage you to communicate with the school so they know your child should wear a mask.