

# 20/21 VANTAP ACADEMY COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

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As we continue to navigate the pandemic; we strive to ensure your safety comes first by implementing protocols to keep everyone safe & healthy.

These protocols are in effect immediately based on BC Government Health guidelines and may be adjusted throughout the season.

Should these safety protocols require further changes, we will be making the necessary adjustments immediately and communicate any changes directly to you.

## CLASSES & SOCIAL DISTANCING

- Classes are being offered in-studio, with our faculty members teaching in-person.
- Classes can also be offered online should you prefer online classes to mitigate COVID.  
Please email [admin@vantapdance.com](mailto:admin@vantapdance.com) to receive online class details.
- Class sizes have been reduced to accommodate social distancing requirements:
  - There are 7 ft. x 8 ft. squares marked on our studio floors to help keep 6 ft. distance between dancers at all times
  - Students will be asked to bring their belongings with them into their squares vs. in the lobby or back lounge
- Air Flow
  - All windows will be open, weather and sound permitting.
  - Air conditioning will be turned on in the studios to help provide fresh air into the studios.
  - Dance studio doors will be kept partially open to encourage air flow

## COVID-19 MASK POLICY

- All students, parents and caregivers will always be required to wear a mask upon entering our building and maintain their mask on.
- We encourage you to bring your own mask; however, we will be providing you with a mask if you do not have one.
- To model safety protocols; all faculty members including admin staff will be wearing a mask while inside the building.
- **Proper Mask wearing protocols:**
  - Students are encouraged to practice proper mask wearing and hygiene:
    - Do not touch eyes, nose, or mouth when removing a mask and wash hands immediately after removal.

- If a mask needs to be removed at any point during the class, please hang onto it, do not put it down on a surface

## **ENTERING & EXITING THE BUILDING**

- All students are required to enter and exit via the Hastings St. entrance
- The Hastings St. entrance will have a contact log and you will be required to complete this log upon entering the building.
- Parents & Caregivers
  - Please limit coming inside the building for the purposes of dropping off and picking up children/youth only.
  - Please limit building use while your children/youth are in classes.
  - If a parent/caregiver needs to talk to the receptionist, we ask that you pre-book this time as we need to limit the number of parents waiting in line to talk to the receptionist.
  - As your safety and the safety of our staff is important, we prefer to engage via phone rather than in person when possible.
  - Parents and caregivers are asked to wait outside, in vehicles, or other venues.
  - We ask that you leave the building upon completion of your class and not hang out with your friends. This is to ensure everyone's safety.

Although we recognize we may lose the community feeling by not being able to hang out in the building, this is to facilitate safe operations to everyone as our building is not spacious enough to allow for hang outs while classes are in session and to maintain the social distances requirements.

## **STUDENTS/FACULTY EATING & DRINKING IN THE BUILDING (MASK POLICY)**

- During class time- masks may be removed for any required drinking and are required to be worn upon completion of drinking.
- Drinking and eating purposes outside class time (specifically, in between classes only); designated areas will be assigned to ensure safety protocols are followed. Masks are required to be worn immediately upon completion of drinking and eating.

## **PHYSICAL DISTANCING AND BUILDING CLEANING PROCEDURES**

- Hand Washing
  - Upon entering the building, you are required to wash your hands immediately.
  - We ask that you please wash your hands for at least 20 seconds.
  - We have 2 washrooms in the building. One on the south side and one on the north side of the building.
  - Hand sanitizers will be available in each common space and studio
- Cleaning

- Classes will end 5 mins early, and begin approx. 5 mins late to accommodate navigating turnaround of rooms, and ensuring our hallways do not become too crowded
- Alcohol will be sprayed on all high touch surfaces in between classes
- No water refills will be available through our Brita filter, to reduce a high touch surface

## **COVID-19 HEALTH DECLARATION**

- All VanTap staff will be asked to complete a Health Check form before returning to work, to declare they are not a health concern.
- All students registering for the 20/21 Academy will be asked health questions via our Amelia software registration about their health and travel
- Completion of health questions questionnaire as stated above is mandatory prior to commencement of classes
- Any student/parent/caregiver that has recently come from travel outside of the country will be asked to not attend classes for 14 days to ensure everyone else's safety.

## **HEALTH SYMPTOMS**

- Dancers who have traveled outside of the country are required to quarantine in isolation for 14 days before coming to the studio, and are asked to follow BC health guidelines
- Dancers and staff should only be at the studios if feeling completely well with no symptoms of illness.
  - Fever, Cough, Shortness of Breath, Sore Throat, Headache, Chills, Congestion, Muscle and joint pain that are unexplained, Nausea or vomiting or diarrhea, Loss of sense of smell or taste
- If a dancer or staff member has had COVID-19, they will need a negative COVID-19 test result to return to the studios.
- If a dancer has been in close or sustained contact with anyone who is sick within 14 days of starting group training will not be cleared to come into the space, without a negative test
- Individuals taking public transportation are being asked to take extra precaution about where they have touched before entering the space