



## Health & Safety Protocols (updated June 2021)

Hello Dancers and Families,

The following are GDC's Health & Safety Protocols. We appreciate your cooperation as we work together to keep our dance environment as safe and healthy as possible for our dancers, families, faculty, and staff members.

### STAY HOME WHEN SICK

- No person diagnosed with COVID-19, exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, or having contact with a person that has or is suspected to have COVID-19 within the past fourteen (14) days will be allowed to enter the building.
- Dancers may inform their instructor of their absence by filling out the GDC Absence Form.

### SCREENING UPON ARRIVAL

- Everyone entering the studio will have their temperature taken, either by a front desk staff member or GDC instructor.
- Any person exhibiting a temperature greater than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, other respiratory symptoms, or at least two of the following symptoms: chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell will not be allowed to enter the building.

### AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ONLY:

- Only GDC dancers, staff, and faculty members are allowed inside the studio.
- Parents/guardians are not allowed to enter the studio unless they have a scheduled appointment.

### DANCER DROP OFF/PICK UP:

- Parents/guardians should drop off and pick up their dancers from McNeel Alley.
  - REMINDER: GDC shares McNeel Alley with many other businesses in the area. McNeel Alley is designated as a loading zone for *all businesses*. Please be considerate of other vehicles that may be loading/unloading during your dancer's pick up time.
- Dancers will not be allowed into the studio until 5 minutes prior to the start of their class time.
- Dancers must be picked up by a parent or guardian IMMEDIATELY following class.
  - Dancers will be dismissed by a GDC Staff or Faculty member once we see a parent/guardian is present at the lobby door. **We cannot send students to cross Mill St. traffic to get in the car.**
    - For younger dancers (Pre-Primary, Primary, Studio, Company levels PTI, PTII, ATI, ATII) a parent/guardian must be present in order for your dancer to exit the building.



- Older dancers in the Teen Division or Company Division (levels ATIII, ATIV, THI, & THII) may exit the building to meet their parent/guardian at another location if we receive permission in writing on this [GDC Dancer Dismissal Form](#).
- Failure to pick up your dancer on time will result in an additional child care fee charged to your GDC account. *If you are running late due to an emergency, please call the front desk at 770-426-0007.*

#### **FACE COVERINGS:**

- All persons entering the studio are required to wear a protective face covering for the entire time they are in the building, unless they are fully vaccinated for COVID-19.
- Any person who is fully vaccinated for COVID-19 may forego the use of a protective face covering inside their individual classroom.
- Faculty and assistant teachers who are instructing students too young to be vaccinated will be required to wear a protective face covering when teaching those students.

#### **WATER:**

- Bring your own water to class. If you drink a lot of water, please bring two or more water bottles.
- The GDC water fountains are closed.

#### **SOCIAL DISTANCING:**

- All GDC Faculty, Staff, and Dancers should still practice social distancing whenever possible. Look for the social distancing markers on the floors of the lobby and inside the classroom.

## **GDC EXPOSURE AND RESPONSE PLAN**

The following information outlines the precautionary measures to take if you are identified as a close contact with someone with a suspected or confirmed positive COVID-19 case outside of GDC or in the event of a reported positive COVID-19 case at GDC. **If any GDC Dancer, Faculty, or Staff member exhibits symptoms of COVID-19 or tests positive for COVID-19, the Parent of the Dancer, Faculty, or Staff member must immediately alert GDC Owner/Director Ashleigh Whitworth at [ashleigh.whitworth@georgiadance.com](mailto:ashleigh.whitworth@georgiadance.com).**

#### **IS MY DANCER ALLOWED TO ATTEND IN-PERSON CLASSES AT GDC?**

- **Your dancer IS allowed to attend in-person classes at GDC if:**
  - They are completely free of any COVID-19 symptoms
    - Symptoms include: Fever or chills, Cough, Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, Fatigue, Muscle or body aches, Headache, New loss of taste or smell, Sore throat, Congestion or runny nose, Nausea or vomiting, Diarrhea



- They have not been in close contact\* or live with someone who is suspected to have or has COVID-19 within the past fourteen (14) days
  - \*Close contact is someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to test specimen collection).
  - *Exception: Quarantining is not required for new exposure if a person has been positive for COVID-19 within the past 90 days.*
- They do not have a pending COVID-19 test
  
- **Your dancer IS NOT allowed to attend in-person classes at GDC if:**
  - They have been diagnosed with COVID-19
  - They are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19
    - Symptoms include: Fever or chills, Cough, Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, Fatigue, Muscle or body aches, Headache, New loss of taste or smell, Sore throat, Congestion or runny nose, Nausea or vomiting, Diarrhea
  - They have had close contact\* with someone who has or is suspected to have COVID-19 within the past fourteen (14) days
    - \*Close contact is someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to test specimen collection).
    - *Exception: Quarantining is not required for new exposure if a person has been positive for COVID-19 within the past 90 days.*
  - They live with a family member who has COVID-19 who is unable to completely isolate
  - They have a pending COVID-19 test

#### **WHEN CAN MY DANCER RETURN TO IN-PERSON CLASSES AT GDC?**

- **If dancer had a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19, w/ symptoms:**
  - Fever free for 3 days *and*
  - Respiratory symptoms have improved (e.g. cough, shortness of breath) *and*
  - 10 days since symptoms first appeared
- **If dancer tested positive for COVID-19, no symptoms:**
  - Remain symptom free
  - 10 days have passed since COVID-19 test
- **If dancer was in close contact** with someone with COVID-19:
  - 14 days after exposure
  - Strongly encouraged to get tested 10 days after exposure to confirm you are not an asymptomatic carrier
  - *Exception: Quarantining is not required for new exposure if a person has been positive for COVID-19 within the past 90 days.*
- **If dancer lives with someone diagnosed with COVID-19**



- 14 days after most recent close contact exposure to diagnosed family member
- Family member diagnosed with COVID-19 is completely isolated from dancer
- **If dancer has a pending COVID-19 test WITHOUT CLOSE CONTACT** (i.e. dancer wasn't feeling well and got tested out of caution... no known close contact to anyone suspected of having or has COVID-19)
  - COVID-19 test comes back negative
  - Remain symptom free

### **POSITIVE COVID-19 CASES AT GDC**

- If any GDC Dancer, Faculty, or Staff member tests positive for COVID-19 and attended dance class or work 2 days before the positive test specimen was collected:
  - **Immediately alert GDC Owner/Director Ashleigh Whitworth at [ashleigh.whitworth@georgiadance.com](mailto:ashleigh.whitworth@georgiadance.com).**
  - A "high risk" communication will be sent from GDC to those identified as being in close contact with the person with COVID-19. Close contacts should follow the protocols listed above.
  - A "low risk" communication will be sent to all other GDC Families, Faculty, and Staff notifying them of a positive COVID-19 case but that no further action needs to be taken.
  - The areas where the Dancer, Faculty, or Staff member with COVID-19 spent more than 15 minutes will be deep cleaned.

### **WHO IS CONSIDERED A CLOSE CONTACT AT GDC?**

- Due to the nature of dance and the inherent risk in participating in a group physical activity indoors, any dancer in the same class grouping with another dancer diagnosed with COVID-19 will be considered a close contact at GDC. Although GDC's Health and Safety Protocols are designed to minimize exposure, maintaining 6 feet social distance between all dancers at all times during the class durations spanning 45 minutes to two hours is not possible.
- If any Faculty or Staff member is diagnosed with COVID-19, GDC contact tracing will determine whether or not the entire class group will be quarantined. If social distancing was able to be maintained by the Faculty or Staff member away from Dancers and other Faculty or Staff, only the Faculty or Staff member who is positive will be required to quarantine.
- Any family who wishes to voluntarily quarantine their dancer at any time will be supported by GDC. Any dancer has the option to temporarily transition to the GDC Online Division classes by contacting the front desk at [g.d.c.desk@georgiadance.com](mailto:g.d.c.desk@georgiadance.com).
- If any GDC Dancer, Faculty, or Staff member notifies us of close contact outside of GDC (Example: Dancer or Faculty/Staff was exposed at school, by a friend at a social gathering, or family member at home), communication will be limited to only the family and necessary GDC Faculty/Staff. This is in order to protect the privacy of GDC Families, Faculty, and Staff. Information will not be shared with others unless GDC obtains permission from the Family, Faculty, or Staff member to share their private health information.