

Steffi Nossen In-studio Covid Policies:

Capacity

Following CDC and NYS guidelines, all capacity restrictions on indoor high-impact fitness dance classes have been lifted.

Physical Distancing

Social distancing (3 feet apart) will be required at Steffi Nossen including within all entrance areas, hallways, studios, and the administration office.

- Studio capacity has been reduced to accommodate for social distancing.
- Faculty will structure classes and curriculum so social distancing can be maintained while dancing.
- Class times have been scheduled to allow for 5 minutes between classes to reduce hallway traffic.
- Students will be required to enter the building NO EARLIER than 10 minutes before their class and to exit the studio immediately following their class.
- Lobby space will be marked with “Distance Markers” **in the event that you have to wait for your dancer** while in class. All dancers old enough should be drop off ONLY.
- Each studio has two doors - one door will be used as an entrance one as an exit.
- Personal belongings must be kept in cubbies in one small bag, water bottles ONLY will be brought into the studio.
- Dancers MUST come dressed in class attire – Dressing Room will be closed for gathering and changing.
- Signage and distance markers will be put in place to organize and maintain social distancing.

PPE

Masks will be required at all times for faculty, staff, and students regardless of vaccination status. Masks must be worn both inside and outside of the studios, and at all times while dancing or teaching. Steffi Nossen will provide face masks or shields to anyone who is not able to provide their own facial coverings.

Screening

Steffi Nossen will implement the following mandatory screening practices:

- Upon entering the building, temperature will be checked with infrared no touch thermometer. Any person with a temperature above 100.4 degrees will not be allowed in the building.
- Faculty, staff and students must complete a daily questionnaire prior to class.
- Steffi Nossen School of Dance will notify health officials of any confirmed positive cases within the institution and will work with local health departments to trace all contacts.

Cleaning and Disinfection

Steffi Nossen will be adhering to the following cleaning and disinfecting policies:

- Hand sanitizer will be placed throughout the building and in each studio.
- Restrooms will be cleaned and disinfected daily.
- Each studio and the office will be equipped with disinfectant wipes to regularly clean and sanitize surfaces.
- High touch surfaces in the public areas of the building will be cleaned and sanitized daily.
- Studios will be cleaned in between classes, wiping down ballet barres and highly touched surfaces.
- Studios will be mopped with specialized disinfectant daily.

Ventilation

- The building has upgraded their HVAC filters to the required MERV 13. Filters will be changed often and per the recommended guidance of the CDC.
- Austin Healthmate Air Purifiers have been installed in both studios, dressing room and office to support proper air purification and air flow suggested by the CDC and the health department.
- Whenever possible we will keep windows and doors open to increase the percentage of fresh air within the building.

Containment and Shutdown:

Any student, staff, or faculty who tests positive for COVID must self-isolate in their home unless medical attention is needed. Should Steffi Nossen need to be scaled back to contain a breakout, the school will take the necessary measures. All classes will shift to online distance learning for the necessary disinfection time