

Variations Re-Opening Protocols

The safety of our students, teachers, and community is our number one priority at Variations. Based on a combination of student/parent feedback, advice from public health experts, and local guidance, we have implemented new safety procedures. We are requiring all students and families to adhere to these health and safety protocols.

All guidelines and requirements for in-person instruction are subject to change.

Occupancy in the dance classes will be limited to 12 dancers in the big studio, 8 in the wood room, 8 in the back room, and 6 in the purple room. Depending on class size, we will assess the need to rotate the students between in-person and online instruction. Each room is equipped with a webcam and large monitor which allows for two-way communication. This will make you feel like you're in the class, even when you're at home. Families will also have the option to register for Zoom-only classes.

I. Arrival & Screening

- Upon arrival, dancers will have their temperature taken by a Variations staff member. Parents or guardian must stay until the child's temperature is taken.
- All students and staff must wear a mask inside Variations and during classes, except due to extenuating circumstance.
- Use hand sanitizer upon entering.
- Stay home if you or a family member is sick or may have been exposed to COVID-19. You can take the class online or a make-up class another week.
- Please arrive ready to dance. Changing room capacity will be limited.

II. Cleaning and Sanitization

- We will maintain Cleaning Logs for the lobby and studio. The rooms will be sanitized after each class and the floors will be sanitized with a high-pressure steamer every night.
- 5 minutes in between classes will be spent to disinfect the rooms and reduce traffic during changeover times.
- When using shared surfaces in the studio (i.e., stereo, barres, etc.), user must sanitize or wash hands before and after contact.

- There will be a sanitation station upon entering the building and in each studio.

III. Guidelines for Classes to Resume at Variations

- The building is equipped with two very strong exhaust fans to keep the air moving, in addition to windows in every dance room. More exhaust fans will be added as needed.
- HEPA Air Purifiers are in each studio.
- No-touch faucets have been installed in the bathrooms.
- Plexiglass has been installed in front of the front desk.
- Lobby capacity will be strictly limited.
- Each room is equipped with a webcam and large monitor which allows for two-way communication between those attending online and in-person.
- Floor markings are installed to establish and maintain social distancing.
- All students and staff must wear a mask inside Variations and during classes, except due to extenuating circumstance.
- Instructors will not administer tactile corrections to ensure social distancing.
- Reduced class size (8 in big room, 5 in back and wood room, and 4 in purple room)

If, at any point, Variations is able to safely offer more classes in-person, we will open up more spots/classes. **If, at any point, it is not safe to offer in-person classes at all, we will move all in-person classes to a virtual-only format.**

Thank you!

We deeply appreciate your understanding and support during this time. We believe that finding ways to continue dancing offers moments of much-needed joy, health, expression, empathy, and community. We look forward to continuing to innovate how dance can happen safely and joyfully for all families, and we are so grateful for your continued trust and support.