



BFS Covid—19 Policies for Staying Open 2021

Welcome to our Winter/Spring 2021 Classes at Blessed Feet Studios!

We are SO excited to host you for this semester of dance and performance arts! We have prepared the following information to help you have a happy, healthy, and safe return to classes.

To start, we'd like to explain up front how we are approaching this semester. This year has been full of surprises and our goal is to stay one step ahead of any more operational changes while remaining flexible to roll with what we can't quite perceive.

As with last semester, we are carrying forward with the theme of doing whatever it takes to have classes in person. Here's what that's looking like:

We will begin the semester outdoors, and are upgrading several systems to improve their function (space heaters, lights and an updated camera system).

Once we are able, we will be moving our back lot (brown stage) and front lot (white tent) classes into the church sanctuary, with space and sound dividers keeping the two classes in separate cohorts.

That room will accommodate hosting classes at under 10% capacity.

A mask-policy update will be sent out before we move classes indoors based upon the guidelines for operation given to us at that time. We want to stay open, whatever it takes!

BFS reserves the right to deliver class content via Zoom in the event that classes are not able to be conducted live for any reason including, but not limited to: weather, teacher absence, or governmental advisory.

Blessed Feet Studios follows the More Than Just Great Dancing!® Safer Studio Guidelines which prioritize a hierarchy of safety and wellness measures. Please read this information before registration and prior to your first in-person class for the smoothest transition into this innovative semester. We look forward to seeing you soon!!

Wellness Checks For Staff

- BFS is a Youth Protection Advocates in Dance® Certified Studio. All teachers and staff members will receive regular and continuing safety training as it relates to preventing community spread of COVID-19.
- All staff members are self-monitoring and reporting wellness checks before their shift as necessary.
- Parents are directed to not send their children to class if they, or a member of their household, have a fever and respiratory/cold symptoms.
- Parents are directed to not send their children to class if they, or a member of their household, have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days. If a student has been exposed to

someone with a positive case, the student should either stay home out of an abundance of caution or receive a negative Covid test after the incubation period.

Frequent Hand Washing/Sanitizing

- Employees will wash hands and/or sanitize before, during and after each class as needed.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be available outside of all entrances, outside of every classroom, and inside the classrooms. Students will be directed to wash hands and/or sanitize before and after classes.

Enhanced Cleaning Procedures

- We will continue our increased cleaning frequencies and sanitation procedures in high traffic areas and high touch surfaces of the studio such as doors, barres, floors, counters, stereos, and bathrooms.
- Each studio space and high traffic areas will be “disinfectant fogged” at the end of each day. This machine takes disinfectant, puts it in micron size for maximum coverage to disinfectant surfaces and air.

Facility & Curricular Adjustments to Encourage Social Distancing & Enhance Safety

- We have made facility, scheduling, and curricular changes to reduce mixing and mingling in support of social distancing recommendations. However, we understand that unlike older children and adults, young children cannot be expected to maintain social distancing at all times. We cannot guarantee zero close interactions but do feel confident in our plan for limiting the need of such instances.
- All lobby waiting areas, children’s play spaces, will be closed unless specified.
- Please bring clearly labeled and prefilled water bottles. Drinking fountains will not be available.
- Dancers will bring all dance bags into the studio for changing shoes if applicable. Their personal items will stay with them in their personal dance zone.
- Bathrooms will be available for toileting only, but not for changing clothes.
- No food will be allowed in the studio.
- Curricular adjustments have been made to eliminate shared prop use and hand-holding, and to reduce mixing and mingling in the classroom.
- Class sizes have been modified to allow 6 feet of distance between each participant. All classes are capped at 10-12 students.
- Classrooms will refrain from sharing high fives, hugs, fist bumps, stickers, and stamps.
- Any dance props (scarves, wands, etc) will be assigned to one student use for the duration of the semester, kept at the studio in a personal bag, and taken home at the end of the semester (this is included in your registration and class fees for 2-5yr old ballet classes).
- Classrooms will have staggered dismissal (3-5 minutes) to allow for student transitions.

Compliant Opening & Continuous Parent Communication

- We will adhere to county mandates regarding safe in person classes.
- In the event that mandates change, classes will continue at their regular scheduled time/day without interruption, but from home via Zoom.
- We will communicate via email and text message regularly.
- We encourage parent feedback and input in areas where we can improve the studios safety during this time.

Arrival/Departure & Observation Areas

- For all arrivals please park in the back lot (in the black gate area) and walk to the front of the building for drop off for our Front Lot Studio Space and Main Studio Space. Walk through the white gate area to drop off for the Back Lot Studio Space. At this time, we do ask that parents wait in their cars or outside during classes to help with social distancing in the building.
- At the end of class, parents will be directed to pick up their child at the proper pick up location for their specific studio space. Pick up locations are the same as drop off locations for the Front Lot and Back Lot Studio Spaces. The Main Studio pickup location is through the white gate area through the large roll up door. Students cannot walk across the parking lot to go to their parents for safety reasons.
- Lobby areas are closed for this semester, however, parents of our littlest dancers (3 year olds) are able to wait inside or close by, while masked and at a distance, if necessary for child's comfort for the first few weeks of classes.
- In order to mitigate the challenges of the cooler weather as well as the increased gathering restrictions, we are going to be investing in an all new camera system for parents to enjoy watching their students in class from the comfort of their car or home. Parents will ONLY be allowed to watch via the camera system.

Bathroom Use

- We encourage all students to use the bathroom at home before coming to class. It is our sincerest wish to limit bathroom use during class as much as possible for students.
- Teachers will not be able to assist little ones who need a bathroom break. All students must be able to handle tights and leotard and all bathroom steps themselves. Now is a great time to practice that skill!

Masks

- Our employees will be wearing masks and/or face shields while greeting students and during class instruction.
- Mask wearing for students will be required during arrival and exit for students ages 4 and up.
- Mask wearing during class will be up to family discretion for outdoor classes.
- A parent, grandparent, or older sibling (etc) who is facilitating in-person drop off/pickup is asked to wear a mask.
- A mask-policy update will be sent out before we move classes indoors based upon the guidelines for operation given to us at that time. We want to stay open, whatever it takes!