

# THE BIG MUDDY DANCE COMPANY

## COVID-19 HEALTH & SAFETY PROCEDURES 2020-2021 SEASON

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As we all navigate the next steps of a global pandemic together in the effort to keep one another safe and well, The Big Muddy Dance Company is doing everything possible to fulfill its mission of invigorating life through dance through mindful and responsible tactics. Upon re-opening our two dance studios at limited capacity in conjunction with city ordinances and CDC recommendations, we will also be following Kranzberg Arts Foundation's outlined best practices in our venues to the best of our ability to ensure the safety and health of all our constituents. As we move closer to the scheduled program dates, we will continue to re-evaluate our programming to reflect up-to-date suggested procedures from public health officials.

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### INCREASED SANITATION/DISINFECTING

Hand sanitizer will be available at all building entrances and in each studio. Both studio venues will undergo rigorous cleanings multiple times a day, with increased disinfecting procedures on all high-touch surfaces and special disinfecting of the marley floor daily.

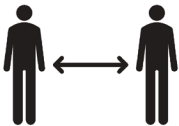
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### HEALTH SCREENING FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

Every program participant and staff member will be contact-traced through advance program registration, will have their contactless temperature taken and complete a health screening upon entry to the building each day. Parents/guardians of students must complete the screening for minors. Anyone who has been exposed to a COVID-19 patient, tested positive for COVID-19, or shown symptoms of the illness in the previous 14 days will not be allowed to participate. All check-in stations will be located at the building entrance and only screened participants and staff shall enter the premises. Everyone in the organization (company, trainees, and staff) will be required to participate in group COVID-19 testing at the start of the season and again before any performances. If someone in the organization tests positive, all who had been in contact with that person will be tested and will potentially need to quarantine for 14 days.

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### SOCIAL DISTANCING

All classes and rehearsals will be limited to 9 students and 1 teacher/director (at maximum capacity). Dance floors and barres will be marked with 6-foot outlines for social distancing placement throughout classes in the studio, and combinations/progressions in class will only allow for individual movement (no intentional physical contact between dancers). Restrooms will be limited to single use. The company and trainee program will also be split into groups of 8 or less for rehearsals on alternating in-person schedules. When social distancing is not possible in choreography, pairs for partnering will be kept as consistent as possible and physical contact kept to a minimum. Anyone partnering another person will be encouraged to obtain more frequent COVID-19 testing than is required of the full group.

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### ALTERNATIVE PARTICIPATION METHODS

Virtual classes and choreography feedback sessions will be offered online as a method to participate in full quarantine, and to limit in-person contact. All participants will have the opportunity to experience both pre-recorded classes on their own schedule as well as live Zoom classes. Performances will only be filmed and offered online for the foreseeable future.

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### USE OF FACE COVERINGS

All participants will be required to wear face masks/coverings while in the studio or in a filmed performance, unless a health condition prohibits them from doing so.