

## ***Covid Considerations Summer Dance Intensive 2021***

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### **WKU Dance Program**

***The following information is subject to change. Please visit the WKU Department of Theatre & Dance and WKU websites for up-to-date information.***

<https://www.wku.edu/theatre-and-dance/>  
<https://www.wku.edu/healthyonthehill/>

Your health and safety are paramount to the WKU Dance Program and the Department of Theatre & Dance. Please rest assure that this fall we will be following the WKU Big Red Restart and CDC guidelines and requirements in our class delivery and general traffic-flow procedures within buildings. We have carefully planned a course of action that allows us to continue to provide a high level of dance education and technique instruction in a socially distanced and safe method.

COVID-19 is a highly contagious virus that has transformed the way we live, work, and interact. As we engage in the dance space, we must all commit to the serious nature of this pandemic and be vigilant and respectful in our behaviors and habits. The dance faculty is committed to providing a safe environment for classes in our facilities, and we expect dance students to follow behaviors that will sustain their health and safety. Wearing masks, maintaining social distancing, washing hands frequently, completing daily screenings, and testing when necessary are healthy behaviors that all must adhere to both in and outside the classroom. It is essential that we all commit to these practices – 24/7. As faculty, we pledge our efforts to keep our dancers as safe as possible and ask for a similar pledge in return from the very students that we are here to serve. As you prepare to participate in the WKU Summer Dance Intensive, please review the following:

#### **Preparation for SDI 2021 Attendance:**

All dancers attending the WKU Summer Dance Intensive must fill out the Google Survey Medical Release form.

Dancers must submit a negative COVID-19 test 3 days prior to attendance or proof of vaccination.

Dancers are limited to 2 family members in attendance during dorm drop-off. All family members assisting must wear a mask while on campus and in the dorms.

*These precautions allow SDI 2021 to create a safe bubble for the dancers to engage, learn, and safely participate during these difficult times.*

#### **Masks**

- Out of respect for the health and safety of the WKU community and in adherence with the [CDC guidelines](#), the University requires that a cloth face covering (reusable or disposable) that covers both the nose and mouth must be worn at all times when in public areas within all buildings. Students must properly wear face coverings while in class regardless of the room size or the nature of the classroom activities. Students who fail to wear a face covering as required will be in violation of the WKU Student Code of

Conduct and will be asked to comply or will face disciplinary action, including possible dismissal from the University. Accommodations to face coverings must be determined by the Student Accessibility Resource Center and documented before a student may attend class.

- Masks must be worn throughout all dance technique courses.
- A mask may make it harder to breathe during class, and students will need to self-monitor for symptoms of lightheadedness, dizziness, numbness or tingling, and shortness of breath. Students should notify the instructor if they experience any of these symptoms. Each instructor will address with their class the procedure for dancing in masks and how to cope with adverse symptoms.
- Dance students should plan for the need for multiple masks throughout the day as a wet mask is less efficient at filtering bacteria and viruses. Students should bring separate Ziploc bags to store both clean and used masks.
- Dancers attending SDI 2021 are to wear masks in technique classes, on campus, in dorm common areas. Once in the dorm rooms dancers can remove masks with their assigned roommates

### **Social Distancing**

- SDI 2021 will have limited capacity for social distancing in Studio A and Studio B.
- GW Dance Studios have been visibly marked to designate social distancing parameters. Instructors will provide guidance and expectations for social distancing within each class.
- Regardless of the class location, dance students will be expected to remain spatially aware while dancing.
- Water breaks will be provided, but eating snacks or meals must occur outdoors or in designated dining areas.

### **Dressing Rooms**

- Students should arrive dressed for class.
- Dancers will utilize multiple spaces in Gordon Wilson for dressing areas and storage to maintain social distancing.
- *Do not bring valuables with you to class as the Dance Program is not responsible for lost or stolen items.*

### **Cleaning/Disinfecting**

- Hand sanitizer and disinfectant will be available in the dance studios/classrooms.
- Students must sanitize their hands prior to entry into and upon leaving each classroom.

- Ballet barres will be disinfected after each ballet class; all appropriate surfaces will be disinfected after each dance class.
- If preferred, students may wear socks during modern class and socks/shoes during jazz warm-ups.
- Dance floors will be disinfected daily.