



Communicable Disease Plan-Updated January 4th 2022

The following plan outlines our protocols and procedures at this stage with current variants and will be updated as we continue to receive guidance or more information from Public Health.

Understanding the Risk

A communicable disease is an illness caused by an infectious agent or its toxic product that can be transmitted in a workplace from person to person. Examples of communicable diseases that may circulate in a workplace include COVID-19, norovirus, and seasonal influenza. The risk of communicable disease depends on the amount of virus circulating in the community, which changes from place to place and over time. Community transmission is monitored by public health authorities in British Columbia.

General Prevention

- Do not attend Prism if you are sick with any symptoms of Covid-19 or its variants. Current guidelines are to self isolate for 5 days (if vaccinated) from first symptoms or since positive test results.
- Do not attend Prism if you have been contacted by public health as a close contact to someone with Covid-19
- Please have your dancer do a self assessment of their health before coming to class each day and note additional symptoms associated with the Omicron variant
- Always be aware of physical distancing and personal space
- Frequent hand sanitizing and hand washing will remain in place
- As per the BC Public Health Restart Plan- The CDC states masks are recommended for those over 12 until they are two weeks post second vaccination or continued to be worn based on your families comfort level. On August 25th the CDC reinstated mask wearing in public spaces and common spaces for fitness centers. Dancers will be required to wear a mask for all group classes until further notice.
- HVAC will remain open at maximum intake to allow for the highest level of airflow
- Doors will be propped open in group settings during day light hours for increased air flow
- Dancers should always arrive wearing dance clothes to minimize washroom use
- No sharing of personal items, especially food and water
- Class sizes have been reviewed and created with the recommendations from WorkSafe BC
- Refrain from touching the face and/or eyes. Cough and sneeze into your elbow

Additional Information on Policies and Practices for Prism Communicable Disease Plan

Stay home- All persons must stay home if displaying any symptoms of a cold, flu or Covid-19

Control Access- At least one Prism Director will always be present to guide safe entry and exit.

Limited Access Areas- The washrooms will both be open for use and will be sanitized in between use by each patron. One person in the washrooms at a time. Disinfectant wipes will be available for dancers to wipe down faucets after use as well. We encourage your dancer to go to the bathroom before arriving to limit the use of these facilities wherever possible. Water filling station is temporarily suspended, please pack your own.

Limit Occupancy- Each area has been measured to meet *Work Safe* standards with regards to occupancy and class sizes have been made accordingly. There will be limited guest access at this time. This is being done to reduce the number of people entering and exiting our facility and help control the spread of the virus. Parents, please contact us directly to meet at an isolated time if needed.

Screen Arriving Patrons- Patrons will approach the door and be asked to use the sanitation station located at the front door. Patrons will also have their contactless temperature taken and are asked to review their own health before arriving.

If your dancer has recently taken a Covid-19 test and is awaiting results DO NOT send them to Prism before receiving those results and the dancer is confirmed negative. If you have received a positive test result please follow the directions of Public Health and do not return to Prism until cleared to do so. If your dancer has been placed under public health monitoring for being in close contact with an active exposure please advise us and follow all directions of Public Health. Anyone who has returned to BC recently will be prohibited to participate until given the ok by Public Health.

Arrival- Line up will be outside under the covered walk-way respecting physical distancing. Personal items should be as minimal as possible. If personal items need to come in they should be spaced out along the back wall along with water bottles.

Dismissal- Once class time is finished dancers will exit one by one as indicated by Prism staff. They may wait outside distanced or ideally a parent should be waiting in a car for them to go straight to. If waiting to be picked up, dancers should stay close to the building for safety.

Routine and frequent sanitization- Prism Staff have a cleaning plan in place to be followed on an hourly, daily and weekly schedule. Dancers are asked to wipe down any high touch surface areas they use throughout the day, wipes provided throughout the facility. This includes; barres, taps, door handles etc.

Monitor and Revise- Prism will monitor statements, recommendations and/or orders from BC Public Health and revise protective measures as needed

Management of Staff/Students with Possible Symptoms

- To prevent transmission, if a student/child or staff member begins to experience symptoms of a communicable disease while attending the studio staff will promptly separate students/staff who show symptoms from others until they can go home.
- Hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette are practiced while the ill person is waiting to be picked up or leave. Tissues will be provided for the student to ensure their use with respiratory etiquette. Proper disposal of the tissue and hand hygiene will be performed after coughing or sneezing. Environmental cleaning of the space the student was separated to will be conducted once they have been picked or left.

Policies for Prism Staff

- Follow BC Public Health Guidelines. All staff are required to abide by the orders and recommendations in place through BC Public Health.
- Stay home. All staff must stay home if displaying symptoms of a communicable disease, or related symptoms such as coughing and/or fever.
- Routine and frequent sanitization. Please sanitize your work place (teachers table or stereo system) upon entry into the studio and after each class. While this is also done each evening by directors, this will ensure these spaces remain virus-free throughout the day.
- Follow the cleaning schedule. Each morning and evening there are cleaning duties that need to be performed. This is located in the lounge and includes each individual teachers responsibilities