

***Working document on health and safety protocols for groups that work in spaces such as Parks, Robson Square and Public Plaza's. Each situation will have unique considerations dependent on art practice and space; this is a starting point to be modified for each group's needs. This document was initiated by Van Vogue Jam and Vines Art Festival with contributions from the Street Dance Community and other performing artists.*

When rehearsing, performing, or teaching in public spaces, it is important that those of us who are settlers on the land we inhabit reflect on why we are able to make use of the space that we are on. Beyond land acknowledgements, we could learn about the history of our neighbourhoods and green spaces, who they were made for and commit to taking care of these unceded lands.

General - COVID Guidelines

- Take care of your communities!
- Stay home if you are not feeling well
- Keep physical distance of 2m from all participants at all times
- Arrive early to check space is kept to standards based on the type of activity below.
- If touching surfaces with hands/body, sanitize surfaces prior to dancing
- Mask are to be worn by all participants and instructors/coordinators/facilitators *if possible
- Sanitation areas with hand sanitizer provided by instructors/coordinators/facilitators *if locations are unable to support. NOTE: London Drugs is stocked with hand sanitizer.
- Offer the option for participants to bring separate clothing for said activity, outside of their attire they transited in
- Having an awareness of the closest accessible washrooms/water stations are in the area.

Rehearsing in Public Space - COVID Guidelines

- Delimit rehearsal area, ensure the entire area is at least 2 m away from public.
- Avoid rehearsal if you're showing symptoms of COVID. Let the rest of your group know that you are showing symptoms.
- Let your group know if you may have been exposed to COVID.
- Have a general check in with the group to review guidelines and discuss individual levels of exposure, acknowledge what parts of the particular artform will have to shift to fit in with COVID and check in on how people are feeling
- Discuss how/who will communicate with any concerned public about the rehearsal - ideally someone with conflict resolution experience

Performing in Public Space - COVID Guidelines

- delimit performing space and audience space. If possible mark them on the floor.
- Provide masks and hand sanitizer if possible.

Teaching in Public Space - COVID Guidelines

- Limiting the number of students based on area/guidelines by the province of 2m distance. *please see chart for general spaces
- Have a general check in with the group to review guidelines and discuss individual levels of exposure, acknowledge what parts of the particular artform will have to shift to fit in with COVID and check in on how people are feeling

Links for other protocols - COVID Resources

<https://www.worksafebc.com/en/about-us/covid-19-updates/covid-19-returning-safe-operation/arts-and-cultural-facilities> (WorkSafe BC guidance for Arts and cultural facilities)

<https://www.worksafebc.com/en/about-us/covid-19-updates/covid-19-returning-safe-operation/gyms-and-fitness-centres> (WorkSafe BC guidance for Gyms and fitness centres)

<https://www.worksafebc.com/en/about-us/covid-19-updates/covid-19-returning-safe-operation/parks> (WorkSafe BC guidance for Parks)

<https://vancouver.ca/home-property-development/covid-19-coronavirus-within-vancouver.aspx> (City of Vancouver COVID resources)

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support/bc-restart-plan#parks> (BC restart Plan)

<https://www.worksafebc.com/en/about-us/covid-19-updates/covid-19-industry-information/agriculture> (WorkSafe BC guidance for agricultural sector)

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/covid-19/covid-19-pho-guidance-farms-farm-workers.pdf#page10> (PHO guidance for farms and farm workers)

<http://bcparks.ca/covid-19/docs/Camping-During-COVID-19.pdf?v=1591229960545> (BC Parks Guide to Camping)

<https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/8d67-COVID-19-Directions-Community-and-Allotment-Gardens.pdf> (City of Toronto Guidance on Community Gardens)