

# Metropolitan Ballet

THEATRE & ACADEMY

## MBT COVID Recovery Re-opening Protocols

Summer 2020: MBT is offering many opportunities for virtual camps and classes all summer, regardless of when the studio is permitted to open. While we know you may be anxious to be back in the studio (as are your MBT teachers and staff!), please do not come into the studio if members of your household are immuno-compromised and you are uncomfortable. MBT will do our best to protect our students, staff, and visitors per county/state guidance; MBT is not liable if you contract a virus. We will do our best to find you a virtual option if you have reservations about attending!

We are following guidance from the state contained here:

<https://commerce.maryland.gov/Documents/BusinessResource/Fitness-Centers-COVID-19-Best-Practices.pdf>

### Entry/Exit/Lobby Procedures:

- Gaithersburg: Students will enter at front doors of studio, exit through rear doors
- Clarksburg: "Lanes" will be created in vestibule for entry/exit doors
- Temperature Checks will be required and staff will ask basic questions about covid exposure upon entry.
- Use hand sanitizer provided at the entry when you arrive at MBT. Parents/Guardians are strongly encouraged to leave MBT's facility while their student(s) are in class, especially if younger siblings are accompanying you to class dropoff. There will be only a few chairs placed in lobby areas. Physical distancing and masks/cloth face coverings will be required for any guests over 2 years old who remain at MBT's facility to wait for students to finish class.
- After arrival for camp, the doors will be locked to visitors. The front desk staff will be able to answer the doorbell.
- Eating in the lobby or common areas is no longer permitted. Do not plan to eat dinner while awaiting the start of class. Campers who need to have lunch/snacks will be seated picnic-style in their studio, on their own towels, physically distant from one another. Food items will temporarily not be provided at the snack bar. Drinks may still be purchased, but all students should bring their own reusable water bottle. The water fountains will be available only to refill a bottle or cup.
- Parents will pick up their students from the back entry at Gaithersburg after classes or camps. Please walk around or pull into a spot. Do not block traffic.
- Everyone over 2 years old is required to wear a mask to enter and exit the building.

### Camp/Class procedures:

- Please do not come to MBT if you or anyone in your immediate family has felt ill, or has been in contact with anyone who has suspected exposure to COVID-19.
- Students will no longer be allowed to store items in cubbies or lockers for classes. Students should arrive to the studio wearing class apparel and warmups. Students will remove warmups and change shoes in their studio while physically distancing. All items will remain in their studio.

### **Camp/Class procedures, continued:**

- Students must bring a mask and will be required to wear a mask while entering and exiting the studio, while in class, and anytime they enter the common areas. Faculty members and administrative staff will also be wearing masks in class and in the common areas. The county/state guidance currently asks that all people over 2 years old must wear masks while exercising indoors as long as it is safe to do so (please see <https://commerce.maryland.gov/Documents/BusinessResource/Fitness-Centers-COVID-19-Best-Practices.pdf>). Once physically distanced inside the studio, students may remove their masks if they feel they need to in order to breathe properly. Those students will be asked to sit/stand at a distance, at their assigned spot, away from other dancers or will be isolated until they can safely wear a mask to resume dancing. Students will be allowed to pull down their masks very briefly to drink from their water bottles at their assigned spots.
- Students will be required to be physically distant during class. Students will not be able to exercise without a mask on.
- Capacity in classes will be capped at lower numbers, particularly in classes of younger students where explaining physical distancing could be more difficult.
- In ballet classes, barres will be taped off in sections and assigned to ensure distance between students. Students will be assigned a numbered spot at the barre and the same numbered spot to keep their dance bag with them in the studio. Please only bring what you need.
- For campers: lunch will be held in each studio. Students will be spread out, eating picnic-style on their own towel. Older students (age 12+) attending camp will be allowed to sit outside or leave the building for lunch with parental permission.
- Staggered restroom breaks will be planned, and students are able to use the restroom when needed.

### **Cleaning Procedures:**

- Common touchpoints in studios and common areas will be disinfected several times daily, for example: railings, door handles, faucets, toilets.
- Barres will be disinfected between each class.
- Studios, Common Space, Bathrooms and Offices will be disinfected nightly.
- Hand sanitizer will be required at class entry/exit.
- Instructors will be washing their hands hourly.

### **Storage of Belongings:**

- Students will no longer be allowed to store items in cubbies or lockers for classes. Students should arrive to the studio wearing class apparel and warmups. Students will remove warmups and change shoes in the studio while physically distancing. Students are encouraged to keep a dance bag with them with warmups and footwear, which will remain with the student in their studio. Student items will be distanced from other students' items.
- Students in dance camps will be assigned a cubbie to use daily for the week enrolled at camp - labeled with their name. Adjacent cubbies will be left vacant.
- Students may not congregate or change in the locker room.

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## **What happens if someone feels sick?**

- Isolation: MBT staff, wearing a mask and gloves, will isolate the student in the student lounge and call parents/guardians for immediate pickup.
- Notification: MBT staff will notify any person who had been in the building at that time that there was a student who felt ill and was isolated.