



# Bellingham Arts Academy for Youth Protocols for In-Person Classes

## ***Practice social distancing***

Staff and students are expected to maintain 6 feet of distance from each other. This applies to all situations, including class activities and waiting in the lobby. For dance classes, this should be increased to 10 feet of distance due to increased physical exertion.

## ***Wear a mask at all times***

Note for staff: Masks are required in all common areas (lobby, kitchen, hallway, bathrooms). If you are alone in the theatre or the office, you can remove your mask. However, if you are ever sharing space with another student or staff member, masks must be worn by all individuals.

## ***Wash hands regularly***

Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and warm water often, especially after touching items or surfaces others may have handled. Hand sanitizing stations are also located throughout the building.

## ***No sharing food or drink***

In order to minimize contact, students and staff should not share food or drink. Staff should remind students to not move about the space when eating or drinking.

## ***Stay home if you are sick***

Please stay home if you are sick or experiencing symptoms associated with COVID-19, such as fever (100.4° F or higher), chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, sore throat, nasal congestion, runny nose, recent loss of taste or smell, muscle or body aches, headache, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or unusual fatigue.

## ***Limited occupancy***

To support social distancing, classes will be limited to 12 students (maximum of 8 for dance). Be sure to stagger entering and exiting the building to avoid crowding at the doorways. Please allow others to fully enter or exit the building before proceeding.

## ***Temperature checks, ventilation, and contact tracing***

Staff members will take the temperature of each student at the door, and will keep the garage door open during classes. Additionally, staff will open the connecting preschool door and turn on the fan in that space to increase airflow throughout the theatre. For back-to-back classes, there will be time for safe transitions and air cycling. BAAY will investigate all COVID-19 cases with contact tracing and appropriate groups will be notified.