

Covid Protocols Document

Covid Safety Certificates – All teaching staff will be required to undertake a level 2 online training in Covid security and safety with a nationally recognised organisation. 2 designated staff members will have a qualification to support their covid safety training.

Testing – All students of secondary school age will be required to take two rapid flow covid tests a week, one on the Sunday evening and one on the Wednesday evening.

Testing - All staff will be required to take a lateral flow test every morning before entering the building.

Documentation – Staff will be required to fill in a daily google form before they arrive at the rehearsal venue which will document their test results and any changing symptoms. Students will register any new symptoms each day, their temperatures will be checked as they register. NYB has in place technical, organisational and administrative security measures to protect your personal information from loss, misuse, and unauthorised access, disclosure, alteration and destruction. We will retain this information for 21 days after the course finishes.

Cleaning and hand sanitiser – Hand sanitiser will be available in each studio and will be used regularly. Barres and surfaces will be disinfected at the end of each day. Students will be advised to wash their hands after every session.

Temperature checks - Temperatures will be taken on arrival into the building with a non-invasive thermometer. If a participant develops symptoms during the day further temperature checks may be carried out.

Social Distance – The use of social distancing will be in line with current government guidelines, where possible we will still encourage students to give each other space and enough studios will be allocated to allow for small class sizes if needed. If appropriate social distancing will be applied whilst students are on breaks.

Mask Wearing – Use of masks will be in line with current government guidelines, we will encourage students over the age of 11 to wear a mask when entering and leaving the building and they may need to be worn during activity if required by government guidelines.

Ventilation - We will ensure that all studios and spaces are well ventilated and windows and doors can be opened in each studio.

Vaccines – We encourage those who are eligible to take the vaccine but as a community we understand that there may be reasons why this is not possible and therefore nobody will be excluded if they have decided not to take the vaccine.

Travel – We advise all staff and students to make sure that they socially distance, sanitise their hands regularly and wear a mask on public transport to protect themselves and others.

Arrival times - Arrival times will be staggered to allow all students and parents to access and leave the space safely.

Venue Regulations - In addition to our own policies we will be following the COVID policies of LAMDA studios.

Covid Risk Assessment - We will carry out a covid risk assessment in line with PHE guidelines.

COVID Process:

Participants and Staff will be required to show evidence of a negative lateral flow test taken on the Sunday prior to the DDE and again on the Wednesday Evening of DDE.

Anyone found to have a positive test should immediately inform admin@nationalyouthballet.org, obtain a PCR test and self isolate pending the outcome of the PCR test.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/how-to-do-a-test-at-home-or-at-a-test-site/what-happens-at-a-pcr-test-site/>

If the PCR test is negative the person may return to the activity as soon as the results come through. In this instance you will be asked to provide proof of the negative result for our records.

If it is positive the bubble closes and activity will move online. NYB staff will notify LAMDA and contact PHE.

Unless the bubble is forced to shut there will be no online provision for isolating students.

Attendees must inform us if they develop symptoms and test positive within 48 hrs of the end of our event so that we can make participants who have been in close contact with the attendee aware and they can perform a test and inform PHE

Government Guidelines for Safer Travel:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/991060/coronavirus-safer-travel-easy-read-guidance.pdf