



Covid-19 Procedures

This year the policies and procedures at ARB will look a bit different. Stricter guidelines will be in place as the safety of our students and families is our priority. However, as we have all recently experienced, life can sometimes change and we reserve the right to change any schedules, classes, teachers, number of student slots, etc. as necessary in order to meet any changing Virginia Dept. of Health guidelines. We will make every attempt to keep our families up to date as soon as possible with any changes. If you have any questions or concerns about any of the following procedures, please email and let us know.

ARB Studio Policies

Per recommendation from the Virginia Department of Health, ARB will be enacting the following procedures for our classes until further notice for the 2020-2021 ARB year. (September 2020 thru June 2021)

- Upon arrival at the ARB classes EACH DAY students will be asked a series of screening questions and have their temperature checked before being admitted in the ARB studios. Anyone with a temperature of 99.5 degrees or higher will not be admitted to the studios.
- We will be cleaning the studios and bathrooms daily. We will have a professional cleaning team come in and do deep cleanings at regular intervals.
- Guidelines will be posted around the studio and in bathrooms re: care and handwashing procedures to take place during the intensive.
- Teachers/staff will wear masks while in the ARB facilities and will encourage safe distancing practices.
- Teachers will not have time to speak with parents at drop off/pick up at the ARB studios. Please email the studio if you have any questions and we will forward to the appropriate teacher as necessary.

Students

Once the student has cleared the screening area, they will be permitted to enter the facilities.

- Students will sanitize their hands upon entering the studios.
- Students will go directly into their assigned studio and take their place at the barre.
- All students must arrive in proper class attire (leotard, tights, hair already up in a bun, etc). There will not be time/space to get ready at the studio.
- Students may bring a SMALL bag containing their water bottle, other dance shoes if necessary, light snack/lunch if applicable.
- Dance bags/lunch will remain in the studio WITH the student by their assigned spot on the barre.
- Students are required to bring in their own hand sanitizer/cleaning wipes that they will use before/after classes, eating, after using the restroom, etc.
- There will be no storing items in the changing room/waiting areas in the studios.
- Students will work from their same spot at the barre every day.
- If a student is taking class for more than 3 hours they may bring a small snack in a bag that will go home with the students. No using the fridge to store food/meals/snacks/drinks.
- Students MUST bring their own water bottle each day. We will NOT have water bottles for sale. They may refill their bottles at the sink (no using water fountains).
- Students need to wear a mask upon arriving and departing ARB studios. All teachers and students will need to wear their mask the entire time they are in ARB facilities. Recent guidance we have read recommends people wear a mask whenever they are closer than 6 ft for more than 15

minutes. There are moments between combinations where the dancers do sometimes get inside that 6 ft distance. While they are NOT close together like that for more than 15 minutes, (1-2 at most), we still don't want to put anyone at risk. If everyone wears masks this will significantly reduce that chance. We have a number of students with family members that have underlying medical issues/concerns and the health of all our families is very important to us!

- Students are **HIGHLY** encouraged to keep all personal items in their bags to decrease the chance of spreading any germs. This is especially true for cell phones!
- No parents or guardians will be allowed in the ARB facilities to watch during classes. This is to help limit the number of people in the building to remain within Virginia Dept. of Health guidelines.
- Parents are asked to wait outside in their cars, or in the parking lot, at the end of the day for their students. When we see you, we will get them from the studio and release them to you, in order to avoid additional people in the facilities. Please talk with your student about how they can keep their space at the barre neat and their things together so they will be able to pack themselves up at the end of the day. (This is more applicable to our Little ones). 😊
- **PLEASE have your student use the restroom AT HOME before arriving at ARB.** This is especially necessary for our younger dancers who might normally need help from a parent. The teacher will not be able to go with them/help them with tights, etc. Restrooms are available for students to use of course, but we would like to minimize this as much as possible to reduce risk of any transmission of the virus.

Class Sizes

In-person class sizes will be limited in order to meet the Virginia Dept. of Health distancing guidelines.

- Once a class is “full” students will be added to a waitlist. (See chart below for number of students allowed in person for each class/room).
- If a student's account is not current, they will be moved to the Waitlist and students on the waitlist will be given the opportunity to attend in-person if they choose.
 - People will be contacted from the waitlist **IN THE ORDER** they registered for the class.
- If a class is full for in person attendance, any students on the waitlist will be moved to the **ONLINE** class and will be able to participate in the class from their home via Zoom.
- Minimum number of students required for a class is 4.

Location	Room	Number of Students Allowed In-Person
ARB -Manassas	Purple	14
	Green	10
	Blue	10
ARB - Herndon	Studio A	16
	Studio B	12

Drop In classes

In the past we have allowed students to drop in and pay for classes at an hourly rate, ‘al a carte’. However, due to the new guidelines we need to follow, we will be implementing the following procedures for this year:

- If anyone would like to take a drop-in class, they will need to email us **THE WEEK BEFORE** they would like to attend and let us know the days/times they wish to attend the following week.
- If space is available in the class/classes, we will post the fees for those drop-in classes in your account and process payment via the Parent Portal.
- **There is no guarantee that there will be any Drop-In hours available each week.**
- All students on the Waitlist, and in the Online classes, will be given the chance to come in person before opening the slots for Drop-In hours students.

