

WCDA COVID SAFE PRACTICES SPRING DANCE PERFORMANCES



Dance Concert: Higher Risk

Our Spring Dance Concert, we are considering to be a higher risk gathering because there are many dancers and families gathered together in one space (even though the theater is quite large and allows for social distancing), it is still riskier than our every day happenings at the dance studio. With this in mind, we have created the following expectations for all families participating in this performance.

Masks

Per policy at Watertown High School and following our studio practices, all dancers and audience members (over the age of 5) must be masked during dress rehearsals and the performances at all times. All dancers are asked to obtain a skin colored face mask to wear for their stage time. *Even dancers who have been wearing face shields in class must switch to the cloth mask for the performance.* Thank you for understanding.

Covid Test

All dancers performing are asked to get a covid test one week prior to the performances and submit their negative test results to the waconiacenterfordancearts@gmail.com account. We know this is an extra time burden but we are following the states guidelines for safe practices for student athletes. Because of the amount of time we will all be spending together over the three days of the performances, we want to be extra cautious so that our fellow dancers and potentially higher risk audience members are kept as safe as we possibly can.

Exposure to Covid/Got Covid

If you are exposed to covid or get covid in the two weeks prior to the dance performances, **you will not be allowed to perform** in the spring dance concerts. The only exception is for covid exposure. You must have a negative covid test and no symptoms after five days.

**Plan your socializing wisely because a sleepover could result in not performing in the concert.*

Dance Bubble

Just like the NBA or professional dance companies like American Ballet Theater (ABT), we are advising to self-quarantine/isolate as much as is possible for the two weeks before the performance so your dancer doesn't fall ill or get exposed to covid. We want to have covid free zone so all can feel safe to participate in the concerts and the best way to do this is to limit unnecessary interactions and social gatherings just prior to the concert. As a dancer myself, I performed with my dance company Concerto Dance in November and this was the standard for all who participated—testing and quarantining. These are also similar guidelines/policies in place for youth sports currently in MN. It's a small sacrifice for a big reward!