



COVID Safety Plan

The safety and well-being of each and every attendee is our utmost priority at Hollywood Connection. We are working with our venues to ensure every precaution is taken. The Covid-19 pandemic is a fluid situation and the options and policies herein may change as new information becomes available from the CDC. This is meant as a guideline to help studios, teachers, parents and students make informed decisions.

CONVENTION SAFETY

- All participants should review the pre-screen form prior to the event.
- Each ballroom will have a capacity limit based on CDC guidelines and County Mandates.
- Masks are required at all times both in public areas as well as the ballrooms.
- All attendees will be responsible for bringing their own masks. Please bring more than one!
- Masks will be required for all HC staff and faculty at all times.
- NO MASK. NO ENTRY. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- Dancers will be 6 ft physically distanced in ballrooms. Space will be marked. Please adhere to the guidelines.
- Temperatures will be taken prior to the first class with a contactless thermometer.
- Please arrive during the "Doors Open" time. This will also help us maintain traffic and flow in each room.
- Temperature checks for all staff and faculty will be taken each morning.
- Anyone with temperature of 100.4 degrees will not be admitted. NO EXCEPTIONS
- Those most "at risk" should not attend the event.
- If a dancer has a fever, they will not be admitted. Participant will be asked to leave the premises immediately. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- HC will report any fever to hotel management so they can quarantine the participants guest room for 72 hours.
- Dancers exhibiting any flu-like symptoms will not be allowed. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- Sanitizing stations will be provided throughout the venue. Please wash and sanitize hands often.
- Please sanitize hands at the stage entrance before and after each performance.
- Doors to ballrooms will remain open to avoid touch points.
- There will be no observers in the ballrooms.
- Teachers and studio owners will be allowed in ballrooms but must show credentials.
- Dancers must wear shoes when outside the ballroom, including in public areas and restrooms. No tap shoes allowed except in ballroom.
- Dancers must wear appropriate cover ups when in public areas of the hotel.
- Use the buddy system when taking bathroom breaks.
- There will be NO WATER stations in the ballroom. Please bring your own water bottle each day.
- Entrances and exits will be marked to avoid crowding.
- All transactions on site will be cashless.

COMPETITION SAFETY

- Seating for competition may be limited to teachers and studio owners only.
- If seating is allowed, chairs will be distanced. If seating is not allowed, viewing may be standing room only.
- All spectators will be required to wear a mask.
- We encourage all spectators to watch via livestream and from the comfort of your hotel room.
- Studios will be given blocks of times to use dressing rooms and compete their routines.
- Dressing rooms should be limited to teachers and studio owners only.
- Masks must be worn in dressing room and on stage at all times.
- There will be no deductions for no costumes or wearing masks.
- Dancers in the same studio may touch while dancing. There are no limitations regarding touching or interacting while performing on stage within the studio pod.
- Props must be moved on and off the stage by the performers. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- Props may not be stored backstage.
- Props may not be assembled on site.
- Props must be removed from the area immediately to allow ample social distancing.
- No parents backstage. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- One studio representative will be allowed backstage during performance. Studio representative must wear a mask at all times.

- Stage and dressing rooms will be cleaned between each block.
- There will be no “onstage” award ceremony. Results will be livestreamed.
- Awards may be picked up on Sunday by studio representative at our registration booth.
- Virtual competition will not be offered during a live event.

DUTY TO SELF MONITOR

- If you or anyone in your household had any of the following symptoms in the last 21 days: sore throat, cough, chills, body aches for unknown reasons, shortness of breath for unknown reasons, loss of smell, loss of taste, fever at or greater than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit, DO NOT ATTEND THE EVENT.
- If you are at risk or immune-compromised, DO NOT ATTEND THE EVENT.
- If you have been in contact with someone that is sick, DO NOT ATTEND THE EVENT.
- If you have tested positive for Covid-19 in the last 14 days, DO NOT ATTEND THE EVENT.
- If you have had close contact (within 6 feet for equal to or greater than a 10-minute period of time or living in your household) with a person who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 by a medical provider, DO NOT ATTEND THE EVENT.
- If you are awaiting a Covid-19 test results, DO NOT ATTEND THE EVENT.

HOTEL SAFETY

Each venue will be slightly different. Please contact the hotel directly for safety procedures. Some protocols may include...

- Upon arrival, guests may be screened.
- Barriers for front desk personal, social distance markers, hand sanitizing stations throughout.
- Electrostatic sprayers used to sanitize ballrooms.
- Frequent cleaning of high traffic areas and restrooms.
- Guest rooms sanitized prior to arrival.
- Guest rooms may not be serviced during your stay. Amenities may be picked up at front desk.
- Frequent cleaning of high touch items such as door knobs, chair backs, elevator buttons, etc.
- Meetings space will be disinfected at the end of each day.
- HVAC and/or Ventilation system set to change 6 air changes per hour.

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- In-Person Scholarships will be presented at the end of the day on Sunday in each ballroom.
- Virtual Scholarships will be announced at the Wrap Party.
- Title Winners and Competition high scores will be announced at the Wrap Party.
- The Wrap Party will be LIVESTREAMED.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

DO I NEED TO CHECK IN MY CHILD? If you are registered with your studio, your teacher will pick up the registration packet. This will have your child’s wristband. Please ask your teacher what time and where to meet to pick up your wristband. If you did NOT register with a studio, you may pick up your wristband at registration.

WHAT SHOULD MY CHILD BRING TO THE EVENT? A mask, proper dance attire, cover ups, sweats, costumes (if competing), hair accessories, band aids, socks and all appropriate dance shoes. Hollywood Connection recommends wearing shoes for all classes and competition. Dancers assume all risk when dancing in socks or dancing with bare feet. Dancers should also pack some healthy snacks and bottled water. There will be NO WATER STATIONS in the ballrooms. Please bring your own.

CAN I WATCH THE CLASSES? Due to capacity restrictions, there are no observers allowed in the classes except for Teachers and Studio Owners with credentials.

ARE CHAPERONES REQUIRED? Yes, chaperones are required for any dancer under 18 years of age and staying at the hotel. **HOLLYWOOD CONNECTION IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SUPERVISION OF DANCERS.**

ARE WE ALLOWED TO DECORATE OUR HOTEL DOORS? NO! Please respect the hotel property and do not decorate the doors. You may be charged a damage fee upon check out and this is beyond our control. In addition, a sign on your door is telling the public that there is a child in your room. For your own safety, do not decorate doors. There are many other ways to show your team spirit!

WILL CLASS SIZE BE LIMITED? YES! Capacity will be limited in each room to allow for 6ft physical distancing.

WHAT HAPPENS IN THE ROOM DURING AN AUDITION? Dancers will learn a combination prior to the audition. Dancers will review a few times and be called out by name, to dance in a small group on the floor. We use names rather than numbers for a couple reasons. One, everyone likes hearing their name called! Two, it keeps them focused during the audition process. Three, it makes the experience a personal one for both the dancer and for the panel. Dancers will “audition” the routine and the panel will discuss the audition. Please don’t second guess the decision-

making progress. Your child may come out and say “They were talking during my audition”. The panel may talk amongst themselves during the audition process. This is completely normal. This does not mean anything BAD! Decisions must be made and many times it requires a bit of discussion. Scholarships are a way for us to give back to dancers, their families and the studio owners. Teachers and studio owners will be in the room. If you have questions, please ask your studio owner or teacher for more information.

WHAT IS AUDITIONING 101? WHO IS BILL BOHL? Bill is a former professional dancer/choreographer and is currently the owner and talent agent of THE MOVEMENT TALENT AGENCY representing dancers for film, TV, commercials, music videos, live stage, Broadway and more. Bill created **Auditioning 101** class for the Producers (Seniors) ages 14 and up as a way to help them understand the audition process and what a panel looks for during an audition. Dancers may receive individual critiques to help them improve their auditioning skills. Bill will also discuss the entertainment industry as it pertains to obtaining a dance career. The intention of the class is to help dancers develop their audition technique, control their nerves and put their best foot forward during any demanding or stressful situation. The class is taught in a positive way to help dancers get beyond their fears and shine!

HOW ARE SCHOLARSHIPS DETERMINED? There are many factors when deciding who gets a scholarship. Every dancer is different and the reason a dancer receives an award can be just as diverse. Don't second guess the outcome. Focus on the learning experience. Auditioning is a technique. The more a dancer auditions, the better they get at it.

WHAT IS THE FAMILY DANCE CLASS? Join one of the HC faculty for a fun filled class. No dance training is required. This is your chance to get up and move. Have fun with other family members and find out why your child LOVES to dance. The family dance class is free to all parents and family members 16 yrs and up. **Parents must wear masks at all times and physically distance 6ft apart.** (In select cities)

BROADWAY BABIES This half day workshop is an introduction to convention classes for 5-6 year old dancers. Dancers will learn 3 routines from a Broadway show and/or movie musical soundtrack. They will perform these routines on stage at the conclusion of the workshop and it will be recorded. A link to download the performance will be emailed after the event.

CAN I WATCH THE COMPETITION? Yes, the competition is open to the public and is free of charge. This year, competition will be in blocks of time so each studio can perform all their routines at once. Parents may watch the competition as long as they are physically distanced. Competition viewing will be standing room only. Chairs will be reserved for studio owners and handicap. Hotels must follow CDC guidelines and County mandates, therefore, do not move chairs in the room. They are set for your safety and the safety of others.

WILL COMPETITION RUN ON TIME AND IN ORDER? Studios will perform in time blocks and studios may create their own performance order to best meet the needs of the team. Competition will be livestreamed for those that prefer to watch at home or in the comfort of their hotel room.

ARE PHOTOS AND VIDEO TAPING ALLOWED? There is no flash photography or video taping during the competition. The flashes can be disruptive and uncomfortable for some and a hazard to the dancers on stage. Teachers want their choreography protected, so please do not video tape or you may be asked to leave the theater. **ABSOLUTELY NO PHOTOS OR VIDEOS IN THE DRESSING ROOMS.** In all cities, the competition will be professionally photographed and video taped. Your studio routines and photos are available for purchase on our website.

WILL THERE BE FOOD AND BEVERAGE FOR PURCHASE? Although most hotels do not offer sit down dining, many offer to go service. Remember, the restaurants and room service can get very busy in the mornings and during lunch so plan to order your food ahead of time or pack your lunch to save time and money! In some cases, hotels and convention centers DO NOT allow outside food or beverage in the public spaces. However, you may eat outside food in the comfort of your hotel room. **Absolutely no cooking devices of any kind will be allowed in hotel rooms or public spaces of the hotel or venue.** Please be respectful of the rules at each venue.

WHAT IS THE WRAP PARTY? The Wrap Party is our end of weekend show where we will announce high scores from the competition, our title winners for the weekend and some other special awards. Faculty will perform. This year, the wrap party will be livestreamed for everyone's safety. You may watch it on our app or on our website at www.hcdance.com

For more information on our event, visit our website at www.hcdance.com

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PARTICIPANT PRESCREENING

*Please answer the following questions prior to attending an in-person event.
All participants must sign a waiver.*

Have you or anyone in your household had any of the following symptoms in the last 21 days: sore throat, cough, chills, body aches for unknown reasons, shortness of breath for unknown reasons, loss of smell, loss of taste, fever at or greater than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit?

In the past 14-days, have you had close contact (within 6 feet for equal to or greater than a 10-minute period of time or living in your household) with a person who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 by a medical provider?

Have you been diagnosed with COVID-19 by a medical provider in the past 14-days?"

Have you been told by a medical provider or public health official within the last 14-days that you should self-quarantine due to potential COVID-19 exposure, or that you are suspected of having COVID-19

If participant answers yes to any question, they cannot attend the in-person event.

If a participant has a fever upon check in, they will be asked to leave the premises. We must report any incidents to hotel management so that they may quarantine the guest room for 72 hours. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Thank you so much for protecting your dancers and our staff. Please remember to follow our guidance for physical distancing, personal hygiene, and if you start to feel ill, we kindly ask that you head home and seek medical provider or public health guidance if needed. Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns.