

RDC 2021 online/in-person hybrid class plan!

RDC is offering in-person classes! Here's what's currently available, starting on 3/8/2021:

1. We're offering all of our group classes online via Zoom for those who feel most comfortable being at home.
2. We're offering group rotating, in-person/Zoom hybrid classes. For those who opt-in to in-person class, based on class size, your dancer will dance at home on Zoom 1-2 weeks and come to class in-person 2-3 weeks per month.
3. We're offering a weekly in-person classes for 4-5 students at time at a higher cost, based on availability. If you're interested in getting more information on this, please contact us and let us know! If you're interested in these classes and cannot afford to pay a higher cost, please contact us as well! Although RDC is committed to making sure that these opportunities are equitable for all of our dancers.

RDC is taking the safety of our dancers, families and staff VERY seriously. We're following all state and CDC guidelines exactly and doing more than is required. We've reviewed and edited our plan numerous times and we feel confident at this time that we can manage small in-person classes very safely. If something changes with the guidelines or dancers/their families are not able to follow our rules, we'll adjust our plan accordingly and may not allow some or all dancers to take class in person.

Based on the square footage of our spaces and state guidelines, we're currently able to 4-5 dancers in-person at a time! We know every family is unique and have different feelings about COVID-19 and safety. That's why we're continuing to offer both online and in-person options this winter/spring. In order to help you make the best decision for your family, we've included our high-level in-person class plan below!

General in-person class information

- We can have up to 5 dancers in person in studio A at a time, and up to 4 dancers in person at studio B, at a time.
- Our current in-person schedule is set for Monday, March 8, through Saturday, April 24th (Closed the week of SPS spring break 4/12-4/17), with classes capped at 15 students per class. Most dancers will take class in-person, once every 2-3 weeks. Depending on the total number registered in each class who have opted in to take in person classes, your dancer may be able to come more often. The other weeks, they will take class online via Zoom. In the middle of April, we'll re-access based on state case numbers and policies and determine if we can start to have more dancers in our space at a time.
- There will be two RDC staff/teachers in the space at all times.
- We've implemented a registration cut-off date for our next in-person schedule, 4/26 – 6/12/21. In order to guarantee that your dancer is able take in-person classes starting on 4/26, you must opt-in to in-person classes by 4/15/21. If you register for a class or opt-in after this date, we cannot guarantee that you'll be able to start in-person classes this dance year. If your dancer would like to be added to our current in-person rotation happening now, please contact us via email!

How will the in-person classes work and how will I know when my dancer needs to be there?

- Dancers are assigned their in-person weeks on a pre-set schedule that's sent via email and posted to the COVID-19 page of our website. This schedule will be released a few days ahead of the rotation start date, so you'll know your dancers in-person schedule and can plan ahead! Don't worry, we'll send you weekly email reminders!
- Your dancer will dance in person with mostly the same other dancers to limit contact.
- We're not able to take requests for specific weeks for your dancer. If your dancer has multiple classes, your dancer may take all of their in-person classes in the same week, or may be split between multiple weeks.
- If you have multiple dancers in your family in the same class, your dancers will be assigned the same weeks to limit contact. If they are in different classes, we cannot guarantee that your dancers will be here in-person the same weeks.

Added safety policies and disinfecting policies for in-person classes:

- Illness/COVID-19 symptoms
 - We will not allow any dancer, family member or staff who have been exposed or believe to have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, or who have a fever or any symptoms that could be related to COVID-19, in to RDC for in-person classes. You must notify us immediately and quarantine themselves away from RDC for 14 days, regardless of a negative test. That means dancing from home on Zoom!
 - If any dancer, family member or staff has any illness/cold/allergy symptoms, they should not come to RDC, and dance at home until the symptoms subside or you have a negative test, to be safe.

- All our staff and teachers have gone through a two-hour COVID-19 specific disinfecting and policy training before they have any contact with dancers. Some of them are starting to get vaccinated as well!
- The lobbies in both spaces will be completely closed. No parents or family members will be allowed inside the studio. Dancers and staff only.
- Your dancer must be accompanied by their guardian when they arrive. You may not drop your student off and leave or remain in your car.
- Parents must sign a COVID-19 waiver before their first class each week in order for their dancer to be admitted into the studio.
- RDC staff and dancers will have their temperature taken when they arrive at the studio and will be turned away if they have a fever or present any symptoms of illness.
- In the lobby, dressing rooms and dance rooms, we'll remove all chairs and unnecessary furniture or items to decrease what dancers can touch.
- All dancers will enter through our main doors and exit out the dance room doors, so there will be no contact with other dancers during the class transition.
- All dancers, parents and staff must wear masks at all times. Since we'll be dancing indoors, dancers will be required to wear masks while they dance, unless they have a pre-existing respiratory condition and we receive a doctor's note ahead of time. In that instance, those students will be required to wear a face shield instead. Teachers will be required to wear masks and/or face shields while teaching and masks at all other times.
- We've added 15 minutes between each class to allow for proper disinfecting and to make sure there is no contact between students within the class transition.
 - Between every class, we'll thoroughly disinfect lobby and dressing room areas, anything dancers may have touched (walls, doorknobs, etc.) and the dance room floor and barres. [Click here to see the Benefect Botanical Decon 30\(non-toxic, EPA approved\) disinfectant we'll be using!](#)
 - All props used will only be used by your student and then set aside to be disinfected for the following week.
- Between each bathroom use, RDC staff will disinfect the bathroom.
- In the lobbies/dressing rooms and dance rooms, we've added no-touch hand sanitizer dispensers.
- In the bathrooms, we've added no-touch hand soap and paper towel dispensers.
- In the dance rooms, we've divided each space to allow for 5-6 areas (based on location) – one for the teacher/staff at the front of the room and 4-5 for the dancers in the middle and back of the room. Dancers will not be permitted to leave their spots unless excused by a teacher to use the bathroom or go home.
- When the weather allows, we will leave the windows open in our dance rooms while classes are going.
- We do not have an HVAC system that we can upgrade in either dance room, but we have purchased air purifiers for both dance rooms, that will stand in the middle of the room, between the dancers. Our air purifiers have HEPA 13 filters and will clean the air every 10-15 minutes.
 - [Click here to see the Medify Air MA-112 air purifiers](#) we've purchased.
 - "By itself, air cleaning or filtration is not enough to protect people from exposure to the virus that causes COVID-19. When used along with other best practices recommended by CDC and others (masks, distancing and sanitizing), filtration can be part of a plan to protect people indoors". [Click here to read information from the EPA about air purifiers and COVID-19.](#)

We have a very detailed class and age specific plan laid out with arrival and departure instructions and all sorts of rules about what dancers and families can and cannot do while at RDC for our in-person classes. Check that out on the COVID-19 page!

How do I let RDC know how I want my dancer to take classes this fall?

During the registration process, you'll need to confirm if you'd like your dancer to do only online classes, or both online and in-person. [If you're already registered for a class, follow these instructions:](#)

1. When you [log in to your account](#) to register, go to the menu option (3 horizontal bars) in the top left corner.
2. Choose the 'Edit Student Info' option and click the grey 'Edit' button in the bottom left corner for each of your dancers.
3. Answer the question about how your dancer(s) would like to take class this year – either online only (Zoom) or the online and in-person hybrid option.