



Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing

PART ONE

Preparing to return to the studio

This resource is intended as an educational support material and not as medically informed guidance

Dance studios are due to re-open in England as part of phase 3 from 25 July. For information regarding re-opening plans for Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland please refer to updating information

<https://gov.wales/coronavirus>

<https://www.gov.scot/coronavirus-covid-19/>

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/campaigns/coronavirus-covid-19>

The Society has worked actively to advocate for further government advice for dance teachers and those involved with the arts.

In this document, we share some thoughts on how you can start to prepare your studio space returning to dance classes.

Each situation and workplace will be unique and you will all have different risks to overcome.

Government Advice for getting back to work can be found here;

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-guidance-launched-to-help-get-brits-safely-back-to-work>

Summary of 5 key points from Government

1. Work from home, if you can
2. Carry out a COVID-19 risk assessment, in consultation with workers or trade unions
3. Maintain 2 metres social distancing, wherever possible
4. Where people cannot be 2 metres apart, manage transmission risk
5. Reinforcing cleaning processes

Dance Teachers remember ...

The virus can transmit through droplets from the nose and mouth – it can linger in the air, fall to the ground and be transmitted by talking as well as touch and close contact.

With this in mind you need to spend some time analyzing the risks and think through each individual step from how you communicate to parents/guardians and students, to how they enter your studio, take part in class and how they exit.

Here are some stages to consider in your planning. It is by no means a finite list, but should help you take first steps.

Considerations for planning. You will need to:

- Update your risk assessment, policies and procedures
- Map out how anyone enters and exits your building
- Update your signage and communicate your intentions clearly and safely whilst also gaining the confidence of those attending that it is safe to do so
- Consider whether to employ more staff to support you with cleaning or chaperoning children in and out
- Consider whether to adjust/adapt your current timetable to ensure that you can allow time for the transition of classes
- Consider starting with one class and gradually build up - giving yourself time to reflect and adjust.

Over the coming weeks we will be expanding our guidance to help you navigate this new way of welcoming and teaching students in your class.

Stay informed visit www.istd.org/coronavirus-guidance/

Please download Part 2 for more detailed information

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