

TSNY DC CORONAVIRUS PHASE 3 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

The goal of TSNY's coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) safety protocols is to provide an environment that is as safe as possible for both students and staff during Washington, D.C.'s re-opening. These protocols are designed to minimize risk of transmission of SARS-CoV-2, however given the nature of what we do, we recognize that this risk cannot be eliminated entirely. We also recognize that due to pre-existing conditions or other obstacles, not all students will be able to adhere to these regulations. In the name of public safety, we cannot make exceptions to our policies. While TSNY is always committed to providing an individualized circus experience to all participants, current procedures related to vaccination requirements, physical distancing, and mask wearing will impact our ability to make certain accommodations in our classes. We look forward to a time (hopefully very soon!) when all students can return safely to our space.

We may revisit or revise these protocols at any time based on guidance from local, national, and international public health authorities. We will provide up-to-date copies of these protocols online here:

https://washingtondc.trapezeschool.com/about/COVID-19_Safety_Procedures

Equipment and Personal Sanitization Procedures

1. FACE COVERINGS:

- a. Staff, students, and guests/spectators are required to wear a face (nose and mouth) covering at all times indoors.
- b. Staff, students, and guests/spectators, regardless of vaccination status, may remove face (nose and mouth) coverings outdoors when they are not instructing / participating in an activity AND maintain 6 feet of distance from all other staff, students, and guests/spectators except members of their household/group (e.g., staff on a break rotation, students sitting at a physically distanced chair / table with members of their group/household). Face coverings are required:
 - i. When staff are instructing and/or students are actively participating in the class, and
 - ii. For all staff, students, and guests/spectators in youth-only workshops, camps, and all-day circus experience until the vaccine is widely available to individuals ages six (6) and up.
- c. EXEMPTION: Staff, students, and guests/spectators who wish to be exempt from wearing face coverings while instructing, participating in or observing a class may do so by providing proof of vaccination status to the front office.
 - i. Staff, students, and guests/spectators who provide proof of vaccination status are no longer required to wear face coverings while instructing, participating in or observing a class at TSNY, except that face coverings are required:
 1. Until the individual is at least 2 weeks out from final vaccination, and
 2. While entering the premises, checking in/out for a class, conducting any transaction with office or photo staff, and/or walking through common areas of the space, and
 3. By staff, students, and guests/spectators in youth-only workshops, camps, and all-day circus experience until the vaccine is widely available to individuals ages six (6) and up.
 - ii. This exemption is a privilege and not a right. Our general guidelines require masking at all times and even persons who may be exempt should be prepared to adhere to our general guidelines upon request.

- d. Proof of vaccination consists of the following. Note that name and date(s) of vaccination must be visible.
 - i. Scan or photo of vaccination card or presentation of physical vaccination card (though we would prefer to have information in advance rather than in person)
 - ii. PDF, photo, or print out of vaccination record from medical professional/office
 - iii. PDF, photo/screenshot, or print out of vaccination record from federal or state authorized vaccination record service (e.g., MyIR for DC residents (<https://app.myirmobile.com/auth/sign-in>), vaccine passport app for NY residents)
 - iv. Other proof of vaccination may be accepted on a case-by-case basis with approval of coordinator/management
- e. Students and guests/spectators should email dcoffice@trapezeschool.com with their proof of vaccination **no more than 72 hours** prior to their class.
 - i. For students and staff, TSNY-DC will record that proof of vaccination was provided and the date of the final/only vaccination in the person's account profile and will then delete the email/record. Proof of vaccination will be valid through the end of the year and/or until a booster or second vaccine is recommended by local public health authorities.
 - ii. TSNY will endeavor to record this information for frequent guests/spectators (e.g., parents or partners of regular students), however all guests/spectators should be prepared to provide proof of vaccination each time they enter the facility.
 - iii. Staff, students, and guests/spectators may also present proof of vaccination in person.
- f. Staff, students, and guests/spectators who are exempt from the face covering requirement while in a class should still be prepared to wear a face covering at any time at the request of a student or staff member, for example:
 - i. Any student (or parent/guardian) may ask staff members to wear face covering while working closely with the student.
 - ii. A staff member may ask a student to wear face covering while the staff member is working closely with the student.
 - iii. A staff member may ask all participants and guests to wear a face covering, particularly if a significant number of the participants are youth/unlikely to be vaccinated.
 - iv. Please note that these examples are illustrative and not exhaustive.
- g. The exemption DOES NOT APPLY TO staff, students, and guests/spectators in youth programming (workshops, camps, ADCE, YPT), even if proof of vaccination is provided.
- h. We may list certain classes as "mask required" classes. Staff, students, and guests/spectators in these classes are required to wear a face covering at all times except while eating or drinking, regardless of vaccination status. "Mask required" classes may also be provided upon request as an accommodation.
- i. Staff may ask or remind students who have not provided proof of vaccination status to put on face coverings at any time, but are not required to do so.
- j. All face coverings must be secure and fitted such that they will not shift positions when upside down or engaging in physical activity and any loose ties must be able to be tucked in.
- k. Sample photos and a pattern for TSNY-approved face coverings are available on request.
- l. TSNY will also have a limited number of masks available to temporarily lend to students or staff who do not have approved face coverings. Any borrowed masks are laundered and dried on high heat between uses.
- m. Any student whose face covering does not meet the specifications in #1b will be asked to use a TSNY mask. If the student does not wish to do so, they may be denied participation in the class and refunded in full.

- n. Face coverings may be temporarily removed or loosened to accommodate drinking, breathing, or eating so long as social distancing guidelines are observed and/or at the discretion of staff. Appropriate sanitizing measures must be used after removing face coverings (See #2 below).
- o. Neither staff, students, nor guests/spectators may ask, require, or pressure any person to remove their face covering, except in the case of a person who is deaf or hard of hearing or otherwise relies on lip reading or seeing the lower half of someone's face to communicate.

2. PERSONAL SANITIZING

- a. Staff and students are required to use hand sanitizer or hand washing stations upon entering the premises, including after trips to the restroom (in addition to handwashing in the restroom) and at any time at the request of a staff member (for example after handling cash or credit cards); and encouraged to do so before leaving the premises and before and after adjusting face coverings.
- b. Students will be encouraged to use hand sanitizer before each turn on shared equipment, including before using communal chalk or rosin, before each turn on the trampoline, and before touching silks, lyra, or static trapeze, and at any time at the request of a staff member.
- c. In addition to the above:
 - i. Flying trapeze department staff are required to use hand sanitizer or wash hands before starting work on lines, board, or catching, or before changing work stations.
 - ii. Aerial, Trampoline and Ground department staff are required to use hand sanitizer or wash hands before the start of each class.
 - iii. Retail staff are required to use hand sanitizer or wash hands frequently.
 - iv. Retail staff may be behind a plexiglass barrier when interacting with customers.

3. EQUIPMENT SANITIZING

- a. All high touch surfaces (trampoline bed, safety mats, chairs, tables, counters, credit card terminals, cash registers, computer keyboards and other peripherals, telephones, tablets, remote controls, door knobs, cameras) should be cleaned with virus inactivating disinfectants at the end of each day.

Physical Distancing Procedures

1. INDOOR SPACE:

- a. Physically distant seating will be available in all classes
 - i. Persons who have not provided proof of vaccination will be directed to use distanced seating but this will not be actively monitored or enforced by staff
- b. Physical distance of at least 6 feet will continue to be required and enforced for all staff and participants in youth programs regardless of vaccination status except when physical distance cannot be maintained between staff and students due to the nature of the activity (e.g., spotting, working board, catching).
- c. Hand-spotting may resume without restriction. Instructors should discuss comfort levels surrounding physical contact and masking with each student before spotting.
- d. Non-shared equipment will be placed at least the minimum distance apart required by DC guidelines.

2. OUTDOOR SPACE:

- a. TSNY will maximize the use of outdoor space to take advantage of natural factors that reduce transmission of the virus (such as UV light and dispersion).

- b. All outdoor students and activities will follow the same guidelines contained in this document as for indoor activities, except for face covering requirements as set forth above and that outdoor classes may be larger as permitted by local law/guidelines.

Class Procedures

1. FLYING TRAPEZE CLASS PROCEDURES:

- a. No more than 2 people are permitted on the flying trapeze pedestal board at any one time, except if students or staff are training to work board then no more than 3 people are permitted on the flying trapeze pedestal board, so long as both the staff member trainer and the staff or student trainee are fully vaccinated.
- b. Staff members and students are no longer restricted from remounting / returning to the pedestal board, with or without a spotter.
- c. Students are permitted to begin climbing the ladder to the pedestal board as soon as the previous flyer has taken off, so long as the previous flyer is not practicing a roll-up or return to the board, in which case the next student should wait to climb until the previous student has completed their final take-off / roll-up.
- d. The lines person will remove safety lines from the student who has rolled out of the net with the student facing away from the instructor; return students may remove their own safety lines in the net.
- e. Instructors may resume use of the practice bar. If they are spotting a student on the practice bar, they should discuss comfort levels surrounding physical contact and masking with the student.
- f. Catching
 - i. Catching will be optional for students during flying trapeze classes (as it always is).
 - ii. Catchers are required to be fully vaccinated.
 - iii. Other than general face covering requirements and exemptions outlined above, there are no special masking requirements for catching.
 - iv. For safety reasons, the catcher will determine whether they wish to wear a face covering or not. If a student is not comfortable catching with an unmasked catcher, they may elect to skip catching but may not require the catcher to wear a mask.

2. AERIAL, GROUND, AND TRAMPOLINE CLASS PROCEDURES:

- a. Aerial classes will re-introduce equipment sharing in July.
- b. This means that aerial classes can run with two pieces of equipment set up for four participants to share.
- c. Instructors are also welcome to hang additional equipment as space allows and as is appropriate for your classes. As of now, all aerial classes will have space to use three rigging points, although that may change in the future.
- d. Use of a student's personal equipment will be evaluated on a case by case basis and may not be allowed in all classes.
- e. Aerial students who are permitted to use it for the class must use hardware that belongs to TSNY. These students should arrive at least 10 minutes before the start of their class to allow time for rigging.

Vaccination

1. Staff are strongly encouraged to obtain a COVID vaccine as soon as possible.

2. Staff who work in camps or all-day circus experiences are required to obtain a COVID vaccine in order to work camps. Staff who cannot receive the vaccine due to medical or religious consideration will be offered alternate shifts.
3. TSNY may, at its discretion, may require proof of vaccination from staff, students, or guests in order to allow participation in certain activities or to be exempt from COVID requirements.

Check-in Procedures

1. TSNY will continue to post prominent signage reminding staff, students, and spectators that anyone who is experiencing COVID symptoms may not enter the space or participate in a class and may receive a full refund.
2. For all non-youth classes and for youth workshops, we will no longer administer a health screening questionnaire.
3. For youth camps, including ADCE, camp, and YPT, we will continue to administer a health screening questionnaire, except that we will no longer perform temperature checks on youth participants.

Testing

1. Staff will continue to be required to self-monitor at home each day before coming going to work. Self-monitoring will include a self-assessment for symptoms of coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) including fever, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, chills, sore throat, loss of taste or smell. Anyone with an elevated temperature (≥ 100) or symptoms should inform their manager and is not permitted to not report to work. Staff may be asked upon reporting to work if they have self-monitored. If not, they will be asked to complete a self-evaluation and, after spending at least 10 minutes at ambient temperature, have their forehead temperature taken with a hand-held non-contact infrared thermometer.
2. Any staff member, regardless of vaccination status, who reports that they have symptoms of coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) is required to EITHER:
 - a. Isolate until at least 10 days have passed from onset of symptoms AND they are fever-free for at least 24 hours, OR
 - b. Obtain a COVID test within 48 hours of symptom onset and isolate until they receive a (negative) test result AND they are fever-free for at least 24 hours
3. If a staff member tests positive for COVID, they should follow DC guidelines for isolation AND in all cases must isolate until at least 10 days have passed from onset of symptoms AND they are fever-free for at least 24 hours.
4. Staff members are not required to present a negative COVID test before returning to work so long as they have isolated and been symptom free for the required time.
5. If a staff member tests positive or is presumed positive for COVID-19, close contacts of that staff member (as defined by local public health authorities) are required to isolate and quarantine as required by local public health authorities. Any staff or students who may have come into contact with a positive or presumed positive staff member will be notified.
6. Any student who develops COVID symptoms during a class or who is denied participation in a class will be refunded in full. Any student who tests positive/is presumed positive for COVID-19 and has been on-premises at TSNY within 14 days of onset of symptoms/receiving a positive test result is requested to notify TSNY.

Youth Participation

1. Guidance on day camps is provided in another document titled "[TSNY Summer Camp COVID-19 Information](#)"; the following policies are applicable to non-day camp classes.
2. All participants under 18 are required to follow all rules applicable to adults without proof of vaccination including wearing face coverings throughout classes. Anyone who is not able to comply will not be permitted to participate in the class and will be refunded.
3. Until a vaccine is widely available to all individuals ages six (6) and up, TSNY may continue to require a health screening questionnaire, physical distancing, mask wearing, and other precautions for participants under the age of 18 and all staff and participants in youth workshops, camps, and all-day circus experience, regardless of vaccination status.
4. Unless otherwise specified, parents/legal guardians of children younger than 14 are required to remain on site in the spectator/viewing area or the class space .
5. Parents/guardians accompanying minors must follow the same rules as students regarding face coverings, sanitizing, and distancing, regardless of vaccination status.