

# Covid-19 Preventative Safety Measures – Summer 2020



<b>Signage</b>	Signs reminding patrons to perform a health check before entering and to maintain social distancing will be posted at the entrance and throughout the studio.
<b>Lobby/Student Lounge/Halls</b>	To reduce the number of people in the building there will be no indoor waiting area. Lobby and hallway seating had been removed to increase floor space and allow for easier social distancing. While students are in class parents can wait in a limited number of socially distanced outdoor chairs, drop off and leave, wait in their car or visit the shops in the plaza. The student lounge is closed. When going down the halls students should always walk close to the wall on their right. Only one student will be permitted in the bathroom area at a time. Teachers will help to reduce numbers of students in halls by only letting one out from class at a time.
<b>Class Time</b>	In some cases, classes may be shortened slightly to allow for sanitizing the space between student turn over. Teachers will communicate and stagger dismissal.
<b>Class Sizes</b>	Class sizes will be restricted to allow for 2m distance between everyone.
<b>Distancing in the studio and in class</b>	All students must main social distancing while in and out of class. This will be accomplished by educating the students on this new temporary rule upon their first arrival, using markings on the floor to clearly indicate the distance that must be maintained and strict enforcement by our teachers and staff. If families have decided to be 'in each other's bubble' we are unfortunately still going to require those students to maintain their distance at Creative Edge at this time. Only students from the same household are exempt.
<b>Sanitation</b>	Students and staff are required to wash their hands upon arrival. Hand sanitizers will also be placed inside studios and at key points throughout the studio. Students will be encouraged to use warm soap and water, rather than sanitizer, when possible. Floors, surfaces and high-touch points will be cleaned and sanitized between classes as well as at the end of the day. Any equipment used will also be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized between uses. Older students may be asked to help clean their area/equipment used.
<b>Changing/Attire</b>	Students are asked to arrive ready for class and to avoid changing at the studio. Hair must be worn in a tight bun/buns/braids or style that prevents it from falling in their face. Long sleeves or at least one elbow covered is required to better catch sneezes.
<b>Health Checks</b>	All students, staff and instructors are to perform a health check before coming into the studio and verbally confirm upon entry that they are free of symptoms. Common symptoms for COVID-19 include: fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat and painful swallowing, stuffy or runny nose, loss of sense of smell, headache, muscle aches, fatigue, and loss of appetite. Anyone with these symptoms, especially fever or cough, is asked to remain at home for at least 10 days from the start of symptoms. Students who have been in contact with someone displaying these symptoms should follow those same instructions. Online options will be offered to encourage people to remain home without the downside of missing class. Sneezing is not listed as a symptom and we understand that people occasionally sneeze due to allergies. Please consider leaving the room when sneezing and cover mouth carefully with the crook of the elbow when clearing your throat/sneezing/etc. If the sneezing persists, we may consider sending the student home to learn virtually as the distribution of droplets is still a concern.
<b>Water bottles</b>	Students must bring their own LABELLED water bottle. The water fountain is unavailable for the time being. Students will place water bottles in their own designated spot in the studio.
<b>Limiting Personal Items</b>	Please bring only the bare minimum items to class. There will be minimum storage available. Cell phones can carry germs if they are not sanitized regularly. Students are asking to minimize touching of phones while in the studio or leave them at home if possible.
<b>Food</b>	We have shut down our kitchen area temporarily. Students should plan to eat before coming to the studio. If they require food while there they should wash their hands thoroughly and then exit the studio to eat, washing their hands again upon return.
<b>Gloves, Masks, No Touch Thermometer</b>	Fraser Health does not currently advise staff or patrons of businesses in our sector to routinely don masks or gloves or to perform fever checks with thermometers on those entering the building. However, staff/teachers/students who have been <b>educated on how to properly wear and handle a face mask</b> may choose to use one. Parents should not be entering the building at this time. No one should enter the building wearing disposable gloves. Hand washing is preferred. We do have a no-touch thermometer in the building should guidelines change or should we ever be faced with a situation where it may be necessary, though with everyone performing proper self-administered health checks before coming to the studio we do not anticipate ever needing it.