

Barriskill Dance Theatre School

2020-2021 Season FAQ

What safety measures is Barriskill taking to prevent the spread of COVID-19?

We have created a [Fall Plan 2020](#) document detailing our safety measures and plans of action for the fall.

Can I switch my student from an online class to an in person class once the season begins (or vice versa)?

In person classes are limited to only 9 students per class. If there is still room in the class your student wishes to join, then yes we can make the switch.

Switching from an in person class to an online class is always possible.

Can my student attend a “trial” class before signing up?

In person classes are limited to only 9 students per class. If there is still room in the class your student wishes to try, then yes we can schedule a trial. If your student would like to try an online class email contact@barriskilldance.com to schedule. Please do not come to a trial class unless you have made an appointment.

Does my student need to sign up for both the online and in person sections of a class?

No. The only exception is if your student is enrolled in musical theatre and wishes to take Voice as well as Dance and Acting. The Voice portion of musical theatre classes will only happen online.

Is my student required to wear a mask?

Yes, we ask that all persons wear a mask while inside the building. Linden's Dancewear carries masks made specifically for dancers that are designed to be more breathable.

My child has a break between classes, where should they go?

There is an outdoor break area on the grass behind the studio. We have a tent and chairs set up for students (ages 10+) to socially distance while they study, eat a snack, or wait for their next class. The front porch (outside studio 6 and Linden's) will also be an option. However, no students will be permitted to break outside after dark.

We will also have designated break areas clearly marked inside the building as well.

The conservatory basement dressing room will be limited to 4 people at a time.

What if my student misses a class in the studio?

For in person classes, you can email contact@barriskilldance.com to schedule a makeup class. We will only be able to offer in person makeups if there is space available in the class you wish

to take. We can arrange a livestream version of an in person class you would like to use as your makeup.

What if my student misses a class online?

For online classes, email the teacher prior to the class you will miss to ensure that they record the class and can send you the Vimeo link to view.

What is the difference between Livestream and Online class options?

Livestream indicates that a class is taught in the studio AND simultaneously offered via Zoom. Livestream is a hybrid classroom that allows you to follow along, at home, with your peers in the studio. Dancers who wish to feel more included in the studio classes but aren't ready to be present at the studio enjoy this option.

While we've improved our livestream capabilities, dancers at home may not get as much individualized attention with the Livestream option. Dancers who can pay close attention to the details and corrections given to the class do well in this environment.

Online indicates that the class is only offered on Zoom.

We're offering both because we have found that they work differently for individual dancers. Online classes are being taught by teachers in their homes directly to dancers at home. These classes are tailored to work in your home space and give the teacher an opportunity to focus solely on the dancers on the screen in front of them.

Will choosing an online vs. in person class affect my student's placement for next year?

No.

What will Nutcracker look like this year?

We are committed to putting together a production of the Nutcracker this year despite the obstacles. Unfortunately, for the safety of all and to keep the cast as small as possible, only conservatory ballet dancers will be allowed to audition this year. This means Ballet levels 5 & up.

We understand that many young dancers often look forward to participating in this production. This year instructors will choreograph performance pieces during class to be shared with family and friends before winter break. These dances will be shared either in a socially distanced performance at the studio, live streamed, or recorded and shared via Vimeo. The winter performance will require no extra time or money as students will learn choreography in class and perform in dress code attire.

What will the recital look like in 2021?

An exact answer to this question is still to be determined. However, we will plan to celebrate the end of the dancing year with a performance of some kind. It will likely look different than in years past.

Can I come into the building with my dancer?

No. We are committed to keeping Barriskill as safe as possible so that our dancers can continue to enjoy dancing in the studio. We are following CDC guidelines as tightly as possible and this means limiting the number of people in enclosed spaces and monitoring very closely who is in the building. You may walk your dancer to the entrance closest to their studio where they will be received by a teacher. If your dancer is hesitant, or may be hesitant to enter the building without you, they may be a great candidate for online classes!