

LABA IS OPEN

Dear LABA Families-

Los Angeles Ballet Academy is committed to maintaining a safe and healthy environment for our dancers and their families. As our community and our world is wrestling with the human impact of COVID-19, I feel it is our responsibility to prioritize the health and well-being of our families while navigating and making responsible decisions with vigilance and courage.

Myself, teachers and staff are in communication daily to monitor and plan for COVID-19/Coronavirus and the safety of our studio family. This extensive work is in alignment with the direction of Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LADPH) and California Department of Public Health (CDPH).

There are no confirmed COVID-19 cases at LABA, and officials have stated there is no immediate threat to Los Angeles County residents.

As of now we plan to remain open. We are dedicated to a clean, healthy environment and take cleaning seriously at LABA. We have instituted additional cleaning protocols. Staff are working daily to disinfect high-touch surfaces, ie door handles, ballet barres, etc. We will be ending each class 5 minutes early to allow the teachers to prep the room for the next group along with giving them a change to have a break and wash their hands and encourage the students to do so before they continue their activity.

It is so important to us to educate our students and give our dancers life skills and tools to navigate difficult situations. Teachers will remind students of proper habits and good hygiene, including cough/sneezing into their arm, not in their hands. Keep fingers off of face. Greet friends and teachers with alternatives to hugging. (toughest one!)

Stay hydrated - get plenty of rest and be responsible in the rest area by keeping things clean and keeping your distance.

The carpets and floors are cleaned regularly and we will be doing an additional deep cleaning in the next few days.

Policies we are enforcing during this time to protect our students and faculty are:

No extra bodies at the LABA, including siblings and relatives
We would like to keep the lobby clear so we encourage our drop off policy for our preteen and older students.
Don't break any formal quarantine/government restrictions, if/as they come about

We are considering ways of live streaming classes for those who are unable to come in at any given time and we will live stream the remaining moc exams.

As of now the RAD examiner is in the US and will be attending to run our exam sessions which as you know run with only about 6 people in the building at a time we feel it is safe for us to continue to prepare for our exams while following the same protocols of preparing the studio before each group. The Public RAV session of the RAD exams which were to be held at LABA have been postponed.

If a staff member, dancer or a family member are not feeling well, or are mildly sick with a fever, we will encourage them to stay home until you have been fever-free for 72 hours. We will be waiving the make-up policy and allowing enrolled dancers to take unlimited make-ups during this period until a date yet to be determined. Please contact the LABA office to inform us if you or your child is ill 818-382-2500 or info@laballet.com.

We recommend you consult the Center for Disease Control guidelines for additional preventative care, found on their website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Communication is a top priority, and we ask for your help in that regard. Please continue to read our email communications. If LABA protocols change or if the plans of closures or cancellations arise, our main form of contact will be email.

I appreciate our staff, teachers, students and faculty more than I am able to express and we will do whatever is necessary to keep things safe and sain.

Sincerely,

Andrea Paris-Gutierrez & LABA Staff