



COVID 19 Work Plan

**DANCE QUEST IS AN EVENT ORGANIZED BY
QUEST PRODUCTIONS INC.**

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***SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDING ON REGULATION CHANGES IMPLEMENTED BY PUBLIC HEALTH*

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INTRODUCTION...

Quest Productions Inc has been working diligently to ensure the safety of our employees, our workspace, our dancers and the community. This COVID-19 Work Plan is to ensure we are complying with Public Health rules and regulations. We have implemented rules and guidelines to be able to offer the safest environment for our dancers, adjudicators and attendees.

As we continue to navigate through this pandemic, we will regularly update our COVID-19 Work Plan. We believe this Work Plan addresses many of the key elements contained in the COVID-19 Operational Plan now required by the New Brunswick Government for businesses and organizations to operate.

It is important to get the economy working again while at the same time ensuring the safety of our employees and our dance family.

We are also working closely with our venue partners. They also have implemented practices and procedures we will also follow.

ABOUT DANCE QUEST..

Dance Quest is a Dance Competition organized by Quest Productions Inc. Now in our 21st year we have held numerous dance competitions throughout Atlantic Canada.

SIGNAGE...

At each venue, signage will be placed in designated areas to promote proper hygiene and physical distancing. They will be placed at entrances and where dancers /attendees frequent. These areas will include:

- Front entrance
- Washrooms
- Elevator area
- Dressing Rooms
- Registration Desk
- and other common areas

PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS FROM GETTING SICK:



Wash your hands often



Elbow cough/
sneeze



Avoid touching eyes, nose, mouth with hands



Cough in tissues and throw away



Stay home if you are sick



Avoid contact with sick person



Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available

HAND WASHING...

Dancers, Teachers and Attendees will be encouraged to continue to flatten the curve. Everyone will be encouraged to wash their hands as it is crucial to maintaining a sterile environment. Signage will be posted on the proper way to wash their hands:

- Wet hands with warm water.
- Apply soap.
- Wash hands for at least 20 seconds (including your palms, back of each hand, between fingers, thumbs and under nails).
- Rinse well.
- Dry hands well with paper towel.
- Turn off tap using paper towel.

When coughing or sneezing:

- cough or sneeze into a tissue or the bend of your arm, not your hand
- dispose of any tissues you have used as soon as possible in a lined waste basket and wash your hands afterwards
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands

Sanitizing Stations

Hand sanitizing stations will be placed at the venue in various locations such as back stage, dressing rooms for the dancers as well as common areas for attendees.

REDUCE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19.
WASH YOUR HANDS.

- 1 Wet hands with warm water
- 2 Apply soap
- 3 For at least 20 seconds, make sure to wash:
 - palm and back of each hand
 - between fingers
 - under nails
 - thumbs
- 4 Rinse well
- 5 Dry hands well with paper towel
- 6 Turn off tap using paper towel

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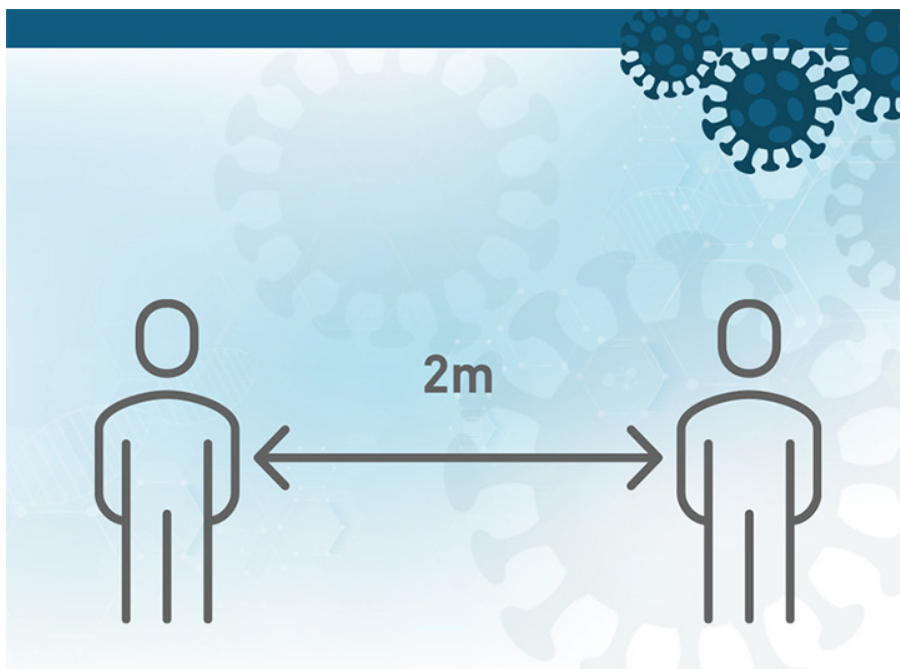
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PHYSICAL DISTANCING...

Together, we can slow the spread of COVID-19 by making a conscious effort to keep a physical distance between each other. Physical distancing is proven to be one of the most effective ways to reduce the spread of illness during an outbreak. With patience and cooperation, we can all do our part. During the dance competition:

- avoiding common greetings, such as handshakes and hugs
- Masks must be worn
- keeping a distance of at least 2 arms lengths (approximately 2 metres) from others, as much as possible
- Capacity restrictions in dressing rooms are encouraged.
- Dancer bubbles are encouraged stay together.
- Masks must be worn in common area



CAPACITY IN DRESSING ROOMS...

A sign will be posted at the entrance of each dressing rooms. These sign will include the capacity of the number of dancers that can be accommodated as we continue to follow the physical distancing rules. Each school will be assigned their own dressing rooms. The following sign is an example:



FACE COVERINGS

We require attendees and dancers to wear masks in the common areas of the venue. Masks will not be required for dancers while competing on stage **only**. However, masks must be worn back stage and to and from dressing rooms or any other common areas. Dance Quest staff and crew will be wearing masks at all times. No scoring deductions will be given for costumes including masks, gloves, or protective equipment during performances.

FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS

Any attendee that is experiencing flu-like symptoms, we ask that you please not attend the event. Anyone who has travelled outside of Atlantic Canada for any reason within the last 14 days of the competition will not be permitted entry.

COMPETITION SPECTATORS

As of September 22nd, 2021 the Government of NB **requires masks to be mandatory in all indoor public spaces**. While masks are not required by individuals while participating in an organized sport or fitness activity (as per Public Health Act Section 9.1(4)), they must be worn indoors at all other times.

As per Public Health rules all spectators **must show proof of double vaccination** to gain entry. If any spectator has a medical exception, proof of such must be show to gain entry.

To help comply with social distancing guidelines and bubble groups, only a small audience will be permitted.

Tickets will be sold in advance and will allow you only access for a particular day of your choice.

Spectators will be limited. This will help to ensure smaller gathering. We ask that once your time is up that you vacate the premises. This will help to mitigate any risks.

In the event that rules change and an audience is no longer permitted, refunds will be issued.

It is required that all attendees wear a mask and only sit with members of their studio.

DANCERS

Any dancer attending that is 12 years of age and older must also show proof of double vaccination in order to participate in the completion. Individuals 12 years and over who cannot receive a vaccine because of a medical exemption, will be required to show a medical certificate of exemption signed by a healthcare provider. Any dancer under the age of 12 are not required. All dancers regardless of age must wear a mask except when performing.

LIVE STREAM OF COMPETITION

Competition for all Dance Quest events will be live streamed for free to provide those an opportunity to stay at home to watch the competition. Please encourage family and friends to do so.

DANCE PERFORMANCES

Cleaning and sanitizing of stage will be done before and after each block.

Note: Masks must be worn until ready to go on stage. Every dancer must have a zip lock bag with their name on it. Tables will be placed near the waiting area next to the stage with hand sanitizers. Dancers are then asked to place their mask in their zip lock bag, sanitize their hands, and go on stage to perform. After performance dancers are asked to sanitize their hands, retrieve their bag and place their mask back on.

COMPETITION AWARDS SESSION

Medals and awards will be given out at each adjudication. All awards will be live streamed as well. Score sheets can be picked up after the Odyssey.

ODYSSEY SHOW AND SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Dance Quest Odyssey will be held on Sunday afternoon after the competition and will continue to follow public health rules and regulations.

This again will be live streamed. At the end winners will then be announced.

DRESSING ROOMS

Dressing room spaces will be expanded to help comply with social distancing. Studios should limit the number of parents assisting with costume changes. Dancers are encouraged to come dressed to compete, to minimize the use of the dressing rooms. Dressing rooms will be cleaned frequently by Dance Quest staff.

VENUE CLEANLINESS

Quest Productions will be coordinating with all venues to ensure that the event space is a safe, healthy and clean environment for all attendees. All spaces throughout the event will be thoroughly cleaned frequently throughout the day. This includes stage, registration, photo, video and merchandise booths along with all other lobby and common areas.

STAGE

Stage floors will be cleaned and disinfected throughout the day.

JUDGES

Quest will make available 3 Judges, based on registrations to adjudicate each performance. Comments will be made via live streaming.

VENUE CAPACITY

Quest will follow the rules and regulations of the chosen venue on the number of attendees allowed. These numbers include staff, volunteers, dancers and spectators. In order to comply with the allotted number, there will be limited seats for spectators.

Rooms being accessed at the current venue for our type of event is 2,670. With Public Health guidelines we can only accommodate 480. This number includes staff, volunteers, dancers, and spectators. It is our goal to schedule for less than that amount to mitigate risks. Spectators are encouraged to watch the event live stream.

COMPETITION ENTRANCE & EXITS

A designated door to enter and exit the spectator area will be assigned. This will mitigate risk where crowding may incur. Staff and signage will be posted at the entrance and exit areas. We ask that everyone follow these rules to ensure we follow public health guidelines.

WELCOME CENTRE

A designated welcome centre will be available for teachers to check in. This area may have a plexiglass barrier to reduce potential risk.

Teachers should be available to round up their dancers and usher them to their dressing room to avoid congestion at the registration desk.