

Guidance for when someone tests positive for Covid-19

The following guidance, which is based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Greene County Health Department, outlines what actions to take in the event a person that has visited The Creamery is awaiting COVID-19 test result and/or tests positive for COVID-19.

If a person becomes ill while at The Creamery or exhibits symptoms consistent with COVID-19, the person should leave The Creamery immediately. Upon notification, parents are expected to pick up the sick child as soon as possible. Staff members will clean and disinfect surfaces in the area after the sick child or staff member has left the building.

If a person that has visited The Creamery is awaiting results from a COVID-19 test, that person shall not come to The Creamery. While waiting for this test result, all persons in the household of this person (siblings, parents, etc.) shall not attend classes or come to The Creamery. Upon receipt of a negative test, the person(s) will be allowed to return to The Creamery if they have not and do not develop symptoms and they have not been otherwise directed to quarantine or self-isolate.

If a person that has visited The Creamery tests positive for COVID-19, **please notify Ashley Walden, Executive Director, immediately.** While the Health Department may work with the positive individual to conduct contact tracing, Springfield Ballet will: (1) notify all ballet families that there has been a possible exposure at The Creamery; and (2) will also separately notify persons that were known to be in the same class as the individual that has tested positive of his/her exposure as a possible direct/close contact. Due to the nature of our instruction, we may not be able to determine if an individual was a direct/close contact. Currently, the CDC defines direct/close contact as follows:

- Someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to test specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated
- You provided care at home to someone who is sick with COVID-19
- You had direct physical contact with the person (hugged or kissed them)
- You shared eating or drinking utensils
- They sneezed, coughed, or somehow got respiratory droplets on you

Persons who are a direct/close contact will be determined by contact tracing based on the person's activities and people around them while at The Creamery. If a person is contacted by a public health organization or a healthcare professional and is instructed to quarantine or isolate, that person is obligated to comply with the quarantine. Please do not enter The Creamery if you meet this requirement imposed by a public health organization or a healthcare professional. Springfield Ballet will follow these guidelines for all classes, rehearsals and programming held at The Creamery or other locations until further notice.

Springfield Ballet will continue to notify ballet families of possible exposures as they are known. A family may decide to self-quarantine even when not required by a local public health organization or healthcare provider. Virtual class and rehearsal options will be available to a dancer that elects/is required to quarantine.

Persons exposed to someone with confirmed COVID-19 should refer to CDC guidance for [how to conduct a risk assessment](#) of their potential exposure.

Persons who have been in quarantine/isolation due to a positive COVID-19 test must provide written confirmation notice to the Artistic or Executive Director before they may return to The Creamery regarding the following:

- The effected individual has not had a fever (100.4 or higher) for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications;
- other symptoms have improved; and

- at least 10 days have passed since symptom onset.

Current CDC guidelines will be followed regarding quarantine/isolation requirements within 90 days of a positive test result: people who have tested positive for COVID-19 do not need to quarantine or get tested again for up to three months as long as they do not develop symptoms again. Thus, persons do not need to quarantine/isolate from in-person classes for 90 days after their initial isolation period ended.

Note that there is no provision that supports notifying persons of **suspected** COVID-19. If Springfield Ballet staff knows that someone is sick who has visited their offices or studios, but there is not medical confirmation they are positive for COVID-19, Springfield Ballet will not share information about that illness.

Above all, Springfield Ballet asks that all persons visiting The Creamery use common sense and err on the side of caution in making decisions about whether to visit The Creamery. The ability to conduct in-studio classes and performances depends on everyone doing what they can to keep our environment healthy. If you have any questions as to whether you/your dancer should come to The Creamery, please contact the Artistic or Executive Director ahead of time. All classes missed due to illness or quarantine/isolation may be made up based on the current makeup policy. Additionally, when possible, virtual classes will be offered to students that are required to quarantine/isolate. Make-up options should be discussed with the Artistic Director.

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