

The COVID-19 Ailey School Pledge

As a member The Ailey School community, I take the following actions on and off campus to help safeguard the students, faculty, and staff at the Alvin Ailey Dance Foundation (AADF):

- I will wear a mask/face covering at all times at the Joan Weill Center for Dance, both indoors and outdoors, and when taking part in Ailey School activities off-campus;
- I will wash my hands frequently and thoroughly (for 20 seconds, minimum), especially after contact with surfaces and items in public areas, after eating, coughing, sneezing, or wiping one's nose;
- I will maintain appropriate social distancing at all times on and off-campus;
- I will self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms, and complete daily HealthCheck screenings;
- I will follow the directions of AADF officials regarding face coverings, testing, screening, and quarantine (if necessary), and cooperate with The Ailey School's contact tracing efforts, if called upon to do so;
- I will follow The Ailey School protocols for COVID-19 testing, and report results promptly, if those tests are conducted by my personal physician or other healthcare provider;
- I will follow AADF's and New York state's isolation and quarantine protocols;
- I will follow AADF and public health guidance regarding the seasonal influenza vaccine when it becomes available, and regarding a COVID-19 vaccine once a medically recommended vaccine becomes available (accommodations will be considered for those who request them);
- I will comply with all signage and rules regarding access to the Joan Weill Center for Dance and ingress, egress, and seating in the buildings;
- AADF and The Ailey School are taking exhaustive measure to protect the campus community, and I understand that COVID-19 poses a serious threat to health and safety.

I will make conscious choices, on and off-campus, to help to limit the spread of COVID-19 to others in the community. I will act in the spirit of a person for others, knowing that I am helping to protect the campus community from illness.

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The Ailey School and [Ailey Forward](#)

The Alvin Ailey Dance Foundation, Inc., (Ailey) has developed a comprehensive plan, [Ailey Forward](#), for reopening of The Ailey School at The Joan Weill Center for Dance (The Center) at 405 West 55th Street, New York, New York for the organization's fiscal year 2021. Careful planning to welcome students, teachers, musicians, and essential staff addresses public health concerns and outlines how The Ailey School community can return to The Center while reducing the risk of transmission of the Covid-19 virus.

Ailey has established methods of screening, contact tracing & isolation, modified operations, enhanced cleaning, and planned an education campaign around safe behaviors that optimize the safety of students, faculty and employees. [Ailey Forward](#) is fully compliant with the directives of New York State Governor's office, as communicated in [New York Forward](#).

It is recommended that each and every student of The Ailey School read [Ailey Forward](#) prior to returning to School. Ailey Forward includes **Fordham Forward** which is Fordham University's Safety Plan, and Fordham BFA Students are required to adhere to the University's Safety guidelines as well. Ailey Forward includes the School of Visual Arts' Safety Plan, and Certificate and Scholarship Students residing at Ludlow Residence Hall are required to adhere to the School of Visual Art's (SVA) Safety Plan as well.

FAQ's

1. Will I have to register for a health screening app to enter The Ailey School?

Yes. Ailey's app is Healthcheck. This is a separate app from the health screening app utilized by Fordham University (for BFA students) and separate from the health attestation kiosk (SPLAN) located at the Ludlow Residence (for students residing at Ludlow).

[Healthcheck user instructions](#)>

[Healthcheck password reset](#)>

[Healthcheck FAQ's](#)>

2. Will I need to get a COVID-19 Test before commencing classes at The Ailey School?

Yes. All students regardless of vaccination status must get a **COVID-19 PCR** (not antigen) **Test 5 or less** days prior to their first class at the **beginning of the fall 2020 term, the spring 2021 term, and the 2021 Summer Intensive**. Students must send test results to the Assistant to the School Co-Director by email. Students should refer to [NY Forward](#) for the most current travel advisories, quarantine requirements, and "testing out" options. If your test results are not returned by the time you are scheduled to begin classes at The Ailey School, contact the Assistant to the School Co-Director.

3. Where can I get a test in NYC?

Students can get a free COVID-19 test at many local pharmacies, or at one of the sites listed at <https://www1.nyc.gov/>

4. When I enter The Ailey School, will I be required to wear a mask?

Yes. Students are encouraged to bring their own mask that can be washed and re-used daily. Ailey will also have enough disposable masks, gloves, face shields upon special request through The Ailey School, hand sanitizers, and wipes on hand for everyone in the building.

5. Will I need to wear a mask in class?

Yes. For the safety of everyone in the building, all dancers, students, faculty, musicians and staff are *always* required to wear a mask. All staff in The Joan Weill Center for Dance are always also required to wear a mask regardless of single office occupancy. Staff required to circulate in public areas are required to wear KN95 masks and these are provided by Ailey. Ailey recommends that everyone returning to the building consult [NY Forward](#) and [CDC](#) to learn about masks in order to make personal decisions. However, Ailey does NOT recommend Gaitors, fleece, or bandanas. Ailey *does recommend* at least two layers of cloth in masks. Masks should be washed at home frequently.

6. Will I have to take my temperature as part of the app screening?

Yes, students must take their temperature every morning **prior to logging** into the Healthcheck app. All students are required to have a digital thermometer.

7. When I arrive at The Ailey School, will I get a temperature check?

Yes. You will be required to take your no contact temperature prior to proceeding into the building. If you register a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher, you will not be permitted to proceed into the building.

8. How is the MTA keeping the subways and busses clean and safe during the pandemic?

The MTA is disinfecting trains, buses, and subway stations more frequently, and testing new technology to help keep everyone healthy. MTA information can be found at the following links:

<https://new.mta.info/coronavirus>

<https://www.nytimes.com/search?query=subway>

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/08/02/nyregion/nyc-subway-coronavirus->

9. What happens if I test positive for Covid-19?

All who test positive will be required to quarantine for 14 days. Other non-vaccinated students who have been in contact with someone who tested positive will also need to quarantine. In both cases, Ailey has a protocol to trace and communicate to the Ailey community.

10. Should I get a flu shot this fall?

Yes, we encourage all students, faculty, musicians and staff to receive their annual flu shots.

11. What is Ailey doing to clean its building and maximize air flow?

Ailey is following all [Center for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#) and Dance USA guidelines on cleaning and air flow. Details can be found in [Ailey Forward](#). In brief, Ailey will clean all studios with electrostatic sprayers, use CDC approved cleaning supplies, and maximize airflow and air filters (Merv 13 and higher) in the HVAC system. Bathrooms are fully hands-free including toilet seat activated flushing devices.

12. Are the studios designed for social distancing?

Yes. Students will be training a minimum of 6 feet apart from one another or as directed by CDC and Government guidelines.

13. How can I be best prepared to safely commence enrollment at The Ailey School?

We suggest you make a check-list to be certain you have covered some essential things, such as:

- Make sure you have a digital thermometer to monitor your temperature daily.
- Contact your primary care physician to see if they provide telehealth services.
- Make sure your health insurance is up to date, valid for the full duration of your enrollment at The Ailey School and is valid in New York State.
- Have enough CDC-recommended face masks for daily wear at The Ailey School.
- Have a supply of small bottles of hand sanitizer you can carry with you daily.
- Bring a basic First Aid Kit with you (ie: pain reliever/fever reducer, a supply of any personal medications you are prescribed to take by a physician, etc.).
- Make sure your Emergency Contact person is listed in your cell phone under I.C.E. (In Case of Emergency)
- Make sure The Ailey School has your current telephone number and email on file, as well as that of your emergency contact person.

14. I am arriving from a state with a significant degree of community-wide spread of COVID-19. Do I need to quarantine when I arrive in New York?

No. New York Forward states:

The travel guidelines require all New Yorkers, as well as those visiting from out-of-state or another country, to take personal responsibility for compliance in the best interest of public health and safety.

Asymptomatic travelers entering New York from another country, U.S. state, or territory **are no longer required** to test or quarantine as of April 10, 2021. Quarantine, consistent with the CDC recommendations, is **still recommended** for all travelers who are not fully vaccinated or have not recovered from laboratory confirmed COVID-19 during the previous 3 months. Symptomatic travelers must immediately self-isolate and contact the local health department or their healthcare providers to determine if they should seek COVID-19 testing.

All travelers entering New York from a state that is not a contiguous state who have been outside of New York for more than 24 hours must complete the [Traveler Health Form](#). Contiguous states to New York are Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Vermont.

15. What happens if there is a COVID-19 outbreak, or if I come into close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19?

Contact tracing methods are in place to track the spread of infection through the *HealthCheck* app. If a student shows symptoms of, or tests positive for COVID-19, the students and instructors in a cohort of fully vaccinated students will not be asked to quarantine. Students in a cohort of both vaccinated and unvaccinated students will be asked to quarantine, **and self-monitor as guided by the [CDC](#) and Government regulations**. In the event that a cohort needs to quarantine, in-person instruction will be terminated, and classes will continue virtually.

16. Who can I contact if I have concerns that may not have been addressed in these FAQs?

Students are encouraged to email aileyforward@alvinailey.org for ongoing questions, which will be kept confidential. Please use the subject line STUDENT COVID QUESTION.

Additionally, your school leaders are here to hear! Students can email their Faculty Advisor, School Staff, or The Ailey School Co-Directors with questions.

17. Where can I find more information about COVID-19?

Please visit the following links for information:

[New York Forward](#)

[Center for Disease Control](#)

[World Health Organization](#)