

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 if required at the Joan Weill Center for Dance 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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As of January 28, 2022

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.

Health & Safety FAQ's

1. Are Covid-19 vaccines required for enrollment at The Ailey School?

Yes, all students, staff, faculty, administration, and visitors to the Joan Weill Center for Dance must be fully vaccinated and boosted* for Covid-19 with an [approved vaccine](#), as described in [the Vaccination Policy](#).

** You have completed your initial course of two doses of a two-dose vaccine, or a single dose of a one-dose vaccine considered effective by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") and/or the World Health Organization ("WHO"), AND have received a booster dose, when eligible.*

For answers to questions such as, "When am I fully vaccinated?" and "If I am fully vaccinated, do I have to quarantine if I am exposed to an individual who tests positive for Covid-19?", visit the [Center for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#)

2. Who should I contact if I wish to apply for a medical or religious exemption from the Vaccination Policy?

Students requesting an exemption should send an email to admissions@alvinailey.org for further instructions.

3. 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](#)>

4. 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 Test** (*not an antigen test*) **5 or less** days prior to their first class at the **beginning of the Summer Intensive, the fall term, and the spring term**. Students must email test results to Michela Boschetto, [the Assistant to the School Co-Director](#), at mboschetto@alvinailey.org. Students should refer to [NY Forward](#) for the most current travel and testing advisories.

If your test results are not returned by the time you are scheduled to begin classes at The Ailey School, contact Michela Boschetto, [the Assistant to the School Co-Director](#), at mboschetto@alvinailey.org

Test results must show the following information:

Student's full name; date of birth; type of COVID test (PCR); test result; date of test.

5. 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 the following links:

Mobile testing sites located throughout the city. www.labq.com

<https://www.nychealthandhospitals.org/covid-19-testing-sites/>

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/coronavirus/get-tested/covid-19-testing.page>

6. Will I need to wear a mask in the building and in class?

Yes. For the safety of everyone in the building, all students, faculty, musicians, administrative staff, and company dancers are *always* required to wear a surgical mask in the studios and in public areas of the building. Ailey will also have enough disposable masks, gloves, face shields (upon special request), hand sanitizers, and wipes on hand for everyone in the building.

Ailey also recommends that everyone entering the building consult [NY Forward](#) and [CDC](#) to learn about cloth masks in order to make personal decisions regarding mask usage. Ailey

does NOT recommend gaitors, fleece, or bandanas. Fabric masks should be washed at home frequently.

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. What are the symptoms of COVID -19?

Symptoms of COVID-19 include, but are not limited to the following:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

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

Regardless of your vaccination status, anyone who tests positive must do the following:

- Send an email immediately to ailyforward@alvinailey.org to inform us of your positive test result. Students who reside at the Ludlow Residence should also send an email to student-covid-alert@sva.edu .
- Isolate yourself at home for 5 days.
- If you have been fever-free for 24 hours and have no symptoms, or your symptoms are resolving after 5 days, you can leave your house. **If you still have a fever or your symptoms are not resolving, you are required to remain in isolation until your fever resolves.**
- All those who test positive, as well as those who have been in direct contact with a someone who tested positive, will receive communication from The Ailey School further instructions.
- All those who reside at the Ludlow Residence will receive communication and instructions from the Ludlow Health Services.
- If you have been cleared by The Ailey School to exit isolation and return to the Ailey building after 5 days of isolation, you will be required to double mask (2 layers of mask protection) for 5 additional days.

11. I have been in contact with someone who tested positive. What should I do?

For individuals who have completed the primary series of an FDA-authorized or WHO-authorized vaccine and, if eligible, have been boosted:

- You do NOT need to quarantine. Wear a mask **for 10-days** when in public and monitor your symptoms. If you have no symptoms, get tested on day 5 after exposure (day of exposure is day 0). If you develop symptoms, get tested immediately, continue to self-monitor as guided by the [CDC](#) and Government regulations, and isolate yourself until you get your results.

12. Should I get a flu shot?

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

13. 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.

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

We suggest you make a checklist 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.

15. I am arriving from out of state. 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.

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](#)

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