



Policies and Procedures in Response to COVID-19

To Keep Our Students and Staff Safe

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In accordance with the state of NJ and CDC guidelines, and opening responsibly during COVID-19, Circus Place has put in place the following Policies and Procedures to lower the risk of spreading the virus and keeping our students and staff safe while training in circus :

Spacing for Sanitation and Safe Training

- Periodic Sanitation of door handles, hard surfaces and shared spaces
- Circus stations are placed a minimum of 8 to 10 feet away from each other
- Stations each have hand sanitizer, gloves and other cleaning supplies for ease and immediacy of sanitation
- Sanitation procedures at the start and end of each day
- Using both front and back entrances/exits to reduce foot traffic and lower chance of close encounters between students and staff

Check-In Procedures

- Students must check in with a Circus Place staff member before going to class
- Students must wear a mask when entering the school and at all times afterwards
- Parents/guardians must stay outside, and will not be permitted to watch or wait in the school. Parents/guardians may wait, or leave and come back for pickup
- Students will give verbal confirmation that they have not experienced any symptoms of illness
- A staff member will take the student's temperature with a no-contact thermometer
- Students will bring their belongings to their designated area and immediately go to sanitize and then wash their hands with soap and water
- Staff will tell the students which work area is theirs after washing their hands

Check-Out Procedures

- Students will sanitize and/or wash their hands after their lesson
- Students must keep their mask on when leaving the school
- Parents/guardians must stay outside and will not be permitted to enter for pickup
- A staff member will allow a student to exit upon confirmation of parent/guardian's presence, and will ensure the student gets safely to their parent/guardian



PRACTICE CAUTION!

Please do not come to Circus Place if you are feeling under the weather, including, but not limited to flu and COVID-like symptoms. If you do, please email your coach and Matt (matt@thecircusplace.com) as soon as possible.

Social Distancing During Class/Camp

- Stations are designated to keep lessons a minimum of 6 feet apart
- Students and staff should maintain a minimum 6 foot distance from each other throughout class, with exceptions of spotting for safety purposes
- Please refrain from handshaking, hugging or otherwise touching staff or others

Masks

- Wearing masks can help mitigate asymptomatic spread of COVID-19 and the flu
- Students **MUST** wear their mask at all times; including entering and exiting the school, during their activities, and when going to a shared space (bathroom, etc)
- Staff will wear masks the entire lesson in addition to social distancing
- Students must wear their mask throughout the lesson, assuming the mask worn does not impede breathing or distracts from circus work. Surgical masks have been proven to work well both in the air and on the ground
- Bandanas, gators, or face coverings will not be accepted as proper masks
- Masks must cover both nose and mouth at all times, and be pulled around the head in order to stay on during class time
- If a student or staff member begins to feel lightheaded, dizzy, short of breath, or any other negative change in performance, stop activity, and notify staff immediately
- Mask breaks will be allowed upon request, and students will go outside to take their mask off. Masks must be put back on and hands cleaned before returning

*If you have any reason to suspect you have been exposed to the coronavirus, go to a testing site and get tested. If you have any reason to believe that you could be an asymptomatic carrier of Covid-19, **DO NOT COME TO CLASS** until you get a test

Hands On Assistance and Aerial Safety

- The safety of our students is and always will be the number one priority for Circus Place when teaching circus skills, both on the ground and in the air
- Coaches will be providing hands on assistance (spotting) to maintain safety of your student when necessary in class
- Crash mats **MUST** be underneath any rigged aerial apparatus



Courtesy

Due to our updated policies and procedures, we ask that our clients maintain these policies as a courtesy to keep things running smoothly.

- Please arrive only 5-10 minutes ahead of time so that everyone can be checked in and set up for class on time.
- Please leave any unnecessary items at home
- Please arrive already wearing proper attire and without jewelry on. Please refer to our dress code to be prepared when arriving to class
- Be courteous of our other students and parents during drop off and pick up by parking in a parking spot

Additional Information

- School doors will be opened on days with comfortable weather. Doors will be closed on days with extreme heat, cold, humidity, and bad weather to keep a comfortable environment for people to train
- HVAC units will contain MERV-13 filters to catch airborne material when recycling air. A/C will be used in high temperatures and humidity, and Forced Air Heating will be used in low temperatures and frost.
- Participants who would rather bring in their own equipment **MUST** notify the Circus Place Director (matt@thecircusplace.com) before being allowed to bring it in. All equipment must be clean and sanitized prior to arrival and inspected upon entrance pending approval

RESTROOM POLICY

- Students **MUST** use hand sanitizer **BEFORE** entering restroom
- Only one student/camper in restroom at a time
- All students/campers must wash their hands with soap and water upon exiting and then use hand sanitizer after they exit.
- A staff member will be sanitizing bathrooms throughout the day