

## 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](#)>

#### 2. Will I need to get a COVID-19 Test before returning to The Ailey School?

Yes. All students (including those who have arrived in NY early to quarantine) must get a COVID-19 Test 5 days prior to their first class and send proof of taking the test to [Rod Hines](#) by email.

#### 3. Where can I get a test in NYC?

Students can get a free COVID-19 test 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 masks, gloves, face shields, 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 students, faculty, and musicians are required to wear a mask at all times during class. All staff in The Joan Weill Center for Dance are also required to wear a mask at all times.

#### **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, a member of Ailey's security staff who has received a certificate to do so will take your temperature on your temple. 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?**

Students who test positive will be required to quarantine for 14 days. Others who have been in contact with someone who tested positive will be traced and will also need to quarantine.

#### **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 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 6 feet apart from one another.

**13. 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](mailto: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.