As the situation continues to evolve, ADF’s COVID policies and protocols will be updated in accordance with NC Governor Cooper’s office, the NC Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS), CDC guidelines, and Duke University. These policies and protocols will change, and we appreciate patience and cooperation. To be successful, we need full participation in risk mitigation protocol from our students, staff, faculty, and parents/guardians. In exchange, we will provide transparent communication and clear updates as changes occur. Check back often for the most updated information. Our priority remains the health and safety of our ADF and Duke University community. Please review these policies and protocols below carefully.

**Vaccinations & Pre-arrival Testing**

All ADF students, faculty, and staff must submit proof of COVID-19 vaccination (which includes a booster shot, if applicable). If you have any questions or concerns regarding ADF’s mandatory vaccination policy, or if you are unable to take the vaccine due to a medical condition/disability or a sincerely held religious belief, please contact Heidi Rodeffer, ADF’s Director of School Administration, at school@americandancefestival.org or 919-684-6402, so that ADF can determine if a reasonable accommodation can be provided.

**Residential participants only** (any ADF participant staying on-campus in a Duke dorm) must have a negative COVID test (PCR) within 72 hours prior to arrival on-campus and will be required to show documentation during the check-in process. Residential participants may also email proof of a negative COVID test within the 72-hr. window to school@americandancefestival.org in advance of arrival.

**Masking**

ADF follows Duke University’s current mask mandate, which is as follows: Fully vaccinated individuals [primary series and booster shot] are not required to wear masks inside most Duke University campus and leased facilities. However, masks will continue to be required for all individuals in the following locations on the Duke University campus unless otherwise indicated:

- **In-person classes** – **OPTIONAL AS OF 6/24/22** (if masking impedes the learning process, they can be removed when actively participating in a learning activity, i.e.: acting/instruments/dancing)
- Duke buses and vans
- Clinical and patient care areas

Masks may still be required in other locations based on specific circumstances, so we encourage students, employees, and visitors to carry a mask and be prepared to wear it if needed.

**Positive COVID test & Close Contact**

**Prior to Arrival:**
Participants who test positive for COVID prior to arrival are not come to campus until they are out of their 5-day isolation period. For short-term programs, that may mean a participant who tests positive before arrival will be unable to attend the program.

**While Participating in an ADF Program:**

**Minors (under 18 years old)** - Minors who show signs of COVID and test positive while in the program should be picked up by their parent/guardian within 24 hours to isolate them away from campus. If a participant’s parent/guardian cannot pick up the minor, we will make arrangements within that program’s residence hall to find a bedspace for the participant, along with supervision, and will provide meals while they are in isolation. Minors that test positive for COVID during the program are unable to return for the duration of the program.
Adults (18 years old and up) - Adult participants or staff who test positive while in the program should leave campus or isolate in their dorm room, depending on their isolation duration (time based on current CDC guidelines, which is currently at least 5 days).

Symptomatic Participants
Participants that exhibit symptoms of COVID during the program should get tested immediately at a local testing site. Possible COVID-19 symptoms (if not related to another medical condition) are:

- Fever or chills
- Cough or sore throat
- Shortness of breath
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Congestion or runny nose
- Loss of taste or smell
- Nausea, vomiting, and/or diarrhea

Asymptomatic Participants
Asymptomatic participants are not recommended to receive a test, unless they have had close contact with a COVID positive tested individual in the program.

Close Contact/COVID Exposure
If a participant has had close contact to a tested positive COVID-participant, ADF is following the current CDC guidelines, which are as follows:

- Individuals that are unvaccinated or are more than six months out from their second mRNA dose (or more than 2 months after the J&J vaccine) and not yet boosted, CDC now recommends quarantine for 5 days followed by strict mask use for an additional 5 days.
- Individuals who have received their booster shot do not need to be quarantined following an exposure but should wear a mask for 10 days after the exposure. For all those exposed, best practice would also include a COVID test at day 5 after exposure. If symptoms occur, individuals should immediately quarantine until a negative test confirms symptoms are not attributable to COVID-19.
- Testing Guidelines:
  - If asymptomatic, a COVID test should be taken 5 days after known exposure for best results.
  - If symptomatic, a COVID test should be taken as soon as possible, and the participant should isolate until the results are received.
  - If a COVID PCR test is negative, the participant may continue usual activities (masked) at ADF and should continue to monitor for symptoms.

Refunds & COVID-related expenses
- Tuition fees are nonrefundable and will not be prorated for late arrival, early departure, or missed classes due to a positive COVID case.
- Duke housing & meals fees are refundable and can be prorated as needed in accordance with university policies.
- All COVID testing and associated costs are the responsibility of the participant. ADF will provide a list of COVID test-site locations in the Durham, NC area.
- ADF is not responsible for additional off-campus housing and travel expenses that may be incurred due to a positive COVID case by a participant.