Attendance and reporting policy for the School of Dance 2021-2022

***If your situation requires immediate assistance, please call 911**

Students, staff and faculty will adhere to the University of Utah guidance for exposure and quarantine here.

For Fall 2021, we encourage students to be in person in classes as much as possible.

But if a student needs to miss class, she/he/they are asked to report online that morning before class time. The link to the form is on the SoD Home page: Click on 'students' -> click on 'student requests'.

Students need to go online and let us know:
1. Whether they were staying home because of the coronavirus.
2. Missing a class for a reason other than coronavirus.
3. Which faculty member to notify of their absences.
4. How long they expect to be off campus.

Please also provide these details:
   If COVID-related –
   5. Are you at home nervous, tired, exhausted... needing to stay home for the day?
   6. Are you at home feeling sick?
   7. Are you getting tested?
   8. Are you waiting for testing results?
   9. If you have been tested have you received and reported results?
10. If you were in a SoD space in the past two days, for what activity (class, rehearsals, other)?

   If not COVID-related – identify the reason for the absence.

Updated attendance policy/process:

All students get 2 weeks (accumulated) of absences no questions asked no documentation required except for filling out the online form. Beyond the two weeks, a student’s grade may be affected. A third week may not affect the student’s grade if considered extenuating circumstances, to be discussed with and determined by the Program Heads. Five weeks can be grounds for reduced credit for studio courses.
Up to two additional weeks (accumulated) of absences will not be counted against the student if absent for COVID specific related reasons, (quarantine, illness, testing positive, exhibiting symptoms, close exposure, or other personal COVID reasons, etc.). Documentation may need to be provided.

If missing for COVID related reasons one daily zoom technique, point and/or men’s class will be provided as a courtesy to continue to keep up with a student’s training and does not count as being present in a course.

1. Students will fill out the form and let their instructors know of their situation before class if possible or within 24 hours.
2. Zoom links for technique class will be posted on Canvas.

If a student needs to not be in person for more than two weeks due to COVID reasons, please contact your Program Head.

The only way for us to track involvement is to count on your participation to fill out the online form. Absences will be tracked, beyond the two weeks or extenuating circumstances, 1/3 of a letter grade will be subtracted from the final grade. We need to be accountable for each other’s safety, and the form will help the School of Dance respond to the possibility of an outbreak in our classes. For students who have not filled out the form to account for their absences, (and without a providing a proper reason for not reporting), 1/3 of a letter grade will be subtracted from the final grade. This is a one-time consequence per registered class affected.

We should all keep in mind the symptoms of COVID-19:
- Cough
- Fever greater than 100.5 degrees
- Shortness of breath

What to do until you are tested:
- Stay home if you are sick
- Self-isolate

What happens if someone believes they caught the virus or tests positive? See link listed above for exposure and quarantine.