



## **Covid-19 Protocols (as of September 10, 2020)**

The main priority for Discovery Programs Inc. (“Discovery”) is the safety and health of Discovery personnel, students, parents, other family members (including caregivers, if any), guests, visitors and all other participants in Discovery programs (collectively the “Discovery Community”). The following preventative measures (together with all modifications we reserve the right to make from time to time, the “Protocols”) are based on New York City Department of Health (“NYDOH”) and the Center for Disease Control (“CDC”) guidelines.

Each member of the Discovery Community is required to comply with the Protocols.

### **Health Screening/Hygiene**

- Separate Health Questionnaires for Discovery personnel and students (and their parent or caregiver if attending) respectively (together with all modifications we reserve the right to make from time to time, the “Health Questionnaires”) are accessible by clicking the applicable link on our website.

Each staff member, parent, legal guardian, or other caregiver, as the case may be, is required to complete the Health Questionnaire applicable to them online. For the purposes of the Protocols, references to “parents” include guardians.

**There will be no admittance to the building unless the applicable Health Questionnaire has been completed in full, preferably before 2:00pm on your child's class day. If it is not filled out in advance, staff and parents must fill it out online when they arrive to the building or one of Discovery’s staff members will screen them.**

Discovery reserves the right to exclude individuals from entering the building or participating in activities based on the answers to the Health Questionnaire.

- Members of the Discovery Community should stay home and not come to class, a recital or a competition (if and when permitted), or any other Discovery activity (collectively the “Activity”) or to work if:
  - they are experiencing new unexplained symptoms as indicated in their answers to the applicable Health Questionnaire, or
  - they have answered “yes” to any of the other questions in the applicable Health Questionnaire, or
  - they or anyone in their household is being quarantined because of symptoms or recent travel or is waiting for a Covid-19 test result,

in each case, until they have satisfied the requirements set forth below in the Protocols. See below for additional Information Regarding Symptoms.

- Upon arrival, all members of the Discovery Community shall agree to have their temperature checked. There will be no admittance to the building if the temperature reading is over 100.4.
- All members of the Discovery Community shall wash/sanitize their hands upon entering the building, at regular intervals while in the building and upon departing the building.
- All members of the Discovery Community must adhere to the NY State Travel Advisory.

### **Face Coverings**

- All members of the Discovery Community shall wear a mask or face covering upon arrival, while on the premises, and during Activities. Gaiters and face coverings with exhalation vents or valves are not allowed. Staff shall also wear face shields as necessary over their masks.
- All children over 2 years old shall wear a face covering upon arrival, while on the premises, and during class Activities. The only exception is if a coach believes there is a safety issue and the face covering needs to be removed. These exceptions, which we do not want to make the norm, would only be at the express direction of the coach, not the student or parent/caregiver. Discovery also

recognizes that some 2-3-year-old children may have difficulty wearing the face covering or keeping it on for the length of their class. In these cases, we will encourage but not force the individual child to wear the covering.

- NYCDOH does not currently require children under kindergarten age to wear a face covering; however, we believe it is important to set the expectation that children under kindergarten age will wear them as much as is feasible.
- Discovery will have medical face masks on hand should a member of the Community need a replacement during Activities.

### **Drop-off/Pick-up**

- Drop off and pickup for class will take place outside the building. Students, parents/caregivers should not arrive any earlier than 5-10 minutes before class begins.
- It is recommended that students have their class attire already on underneath their street clothes.
- Only parents/caregivers for toddlers under age 3 will be admitted into the building. Only one parent/caregiver for a toddler will be admitted per child. For students age 3 or older, all classes will be drop-off and parents/caregivers will not be admitted to the building. If a child is 3 or older and has an issue with separation, their parent/caregiver

should inform the Front Desk prior to the start of the semester.

- No strollers will be permitted in the building.
- Students must arrive with i) their own bag that is sufficiently large to store their street clothing and other necessities, ii) a full water bottle, iii) their own bag of chalk in the case of advanced or team gymnasts, which Discovery will provide to them at their first class and iv) any other shoes or attire required for class (see class Guidelines on our website and in your Confirmation Email).

### **Distancing/Staggering**

- Six (6) foot distancing between students shall be required in all classes. Coaches will continue to spot gymnastics students as necessary for safety.
- Members of the Discovery Community generally shall maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from one another at all times, unless safety or the activity requires a shorter distance such as gymnastics spotting, diaper changing, etc.
- Class sizes will be smaller, approximately 6 children per class. In the gym, only 4 groups of 6 children will be admitted at a time. For ballet and parkour, class sizes will be 8-10 children.
- Class times will be staggered.
- Only 2 children will be allowed in the restroom at a time.

## **Classrooms/Cleaning/Disinfecting**

- No member of the Discovery Community shall wear outdoor shoes in the gym or on the dance floor.
- All classrooms and large equipment will be cleaned and disinfected using approved Covid-19 products and a log of cleaning will be maintained.
- High touch surfaces will be wiped down in between classes.
- Any equipment, mats, toys, and props used will be cleaned in between students, classes, and rotations.
- Materials for our early childhood classrooms will not be shared among students within the class. Dress up clothes, puppets, and soft toys will not be used in our early childhood classrooms.
- Partner activities and group activities where children hold hands will not be utilized.
- Gymnasts shall only use their own bag of chalk.

## **Ventilation**

- The HVAC system that runs when Discovery is in session is 100% external (fresh air) intake, meaning there is continuous outside air being pumped into the facility when the system is on.
- We have purchased 4 air purifiers for the gym to help clean the air and increase air flow between the auditorium

and the gym. We have also purchased 1 air purifier for the lobby.

### **If someone is suspected or confirmed to have Covid-19**

- Parents shall inform Discovery if they, their child, or someone else in their household (including other caregivers, if any) has tested positive for Covid-19 or is experiencing symptoms of Covid-19. Staff shall also report if they or someone in their household tests positive or develops symptoms of Covid-19.
- **Discovery will maintain the identity of that person confidential to the greatest extent possible . Discovery is obligated to report that case to the NYCDOH.**
- All families will be informed by email if there is a confirmed positive case of Covid-19 anywhere in the building including the other schools. We will only be able to report this information if a family or another school in the building reports this information to us. If the case arises somewhere else in the building, it will be each family's choice whether to send their child to class even though there may have been no interaction whatsoever between the other school's student and our students.
- We will also be taking the phone number of every person that attends a class with a child under age 3 for contact tracing purposes. It is important that parents are not "opted out" of our emails and that we always have each parent's correct email addresses on file.

- If we are informed of a confirmed positive case of Covid-19 of a staff member, student, parent or someone else in their household (including caregivers, if any) who physically attended an Activity, (1) Discovery will be closed for approximately 24-36 hours to be cleaned and disinfected and (2) the other students who attended that Activity may be asked to miss class or any other Activity for the next 14 days.

Discovery will follow the NYCDOH guidelines once we are notified of a confirmed positive Covid-19 case in the Discovery Community. According to the NYCDOH:

- If a staff member, student, parent or anyone else in their household (including a caregiver, if any) has tested positive for COVID-19, they shall not attend class or any other Activity until the following occurs:
  - It has been at least 10 days since their symptoms started,
  - They have not had a fever for the last 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication,
  - Their overall illness has improved.
- If the staff member, student, or parent/household member/caregiver never experienced symptoms, they shall not attend class or any other Activity for 10 days from the date that the specimen was obtained for their positive Covid-19 test.



- If the staff member, student, or parent/household member/caregiver had symptoms and their test results are negative, they may return to class or any other Activity after they have not had a fever for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications. The negative test result must be a laboratory-confirmed diagnostic test.
- If Covid-19 has been confirmed by a diagnostic laboratory test (nose or throat swab, saliva), all “close contacts” of that person must quarantine and shall not attend class or any other Activity for 14 days after their last contact with the infectious person. A “close contact” is a person who has been within 6 feet of a person with Covid-19 for at least 10 minutes. For a childcare/afterschool program this will likely mean, at a minimum, all children, and the teacher in one classroom.

The foregoing Protocols are as of the date set forth above and are subject to modification in our discretion as the health and safety situation develops and as facts and circumstances require including, without limitation, changes in the NYCDOH and CDC guidelines. If the Protocols are modified, copies of the modification(s), will be provided by email to each parent promptly or, where incidents or activities during the program day require a Protocol to be modified on the spot at the direction of

the supervising program adult, as soon afterwards as practicable.

### **Additional Information Regarding Covid-19 Symptoms**

People with Covid-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms below may have Covid-19. It is important to know the difference between unexplained and explained symptoms. For instance, someone may have a cough from allergies; however, it should be noted if you have a new cough. Or, if you know you have muscle pains from working out as opposed to your body hurting for no known reason.

- 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