## PORT DOVER DANCE ACADEMY VACCINATION AND MASK POLICY - September 7, 2021

## Purpose

To continue to protect the health and safety of all Port Dover Dance Academy (PDDA) participants by requiring that certain individuals be fully vaccinated by an accepted Covid-19 vaccine as a condition of participating in PDDA classes and activities.

## Definitions

"**Accepted Covid-19 vaccine**" means a Covid-19 vaccine that has been approved for use by Health Canada.

"**Affected Persons**" means all staff including instructors, volunteers, parent/guardian participants and adult (18yrs+) participants.

"**Fully vaccinated**" means having received the completed series of an Accepted Covid-19 vaccination. Individuals are considered Fully Vaccinated 14 days after receiving their completed dose.

"**Instructor**" means any individual hired to teach dance class(es) to registered PDDA students.

"**Organization**" means Port Dover Dance Academy

"**Volunteer**" means any individual accepted by PDDA to assist in dance class(es) with registered PDDA students.

"**Adult/Parent/Guardian Participant**" means any parent or guardian participating in a toddler dance class with a registered participant or an adult (18yrs+) participating in a dance class themselves.

"**Registered Participant**" means a student under the age of 18 years who has been registered by their parent/ guardian to participate in a dance class(es) at PDDA.

"**Mask**" means a medical grade, N95 or fabric mask that fits securely over the nose and around the ears, covering the mouth completely.  Fabric scarves or clothing pulled up over the face will not be considered acceptable.

## 1.  Policy Statement

All Affected Persons are required to be Fully Vaccinated against Covid-19 in accordance with this policy as a condition to being an instructor, volunteer, parent/guardian or adult (18yrs+) participant in PDDA dance classes and activities.

Dance classes and activities, registered participants and adult/parents/guardian participants, along with this policy will continue to be subject to federal, provincial and local public health regulations related to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Public Health guidance on measures for fully vaccinated, partially vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals continue to evolve and could affect this policy at any time.

This policy is effective immediately.

2. **Reasons for this Policy**

The health and safety of our registered participants and their families are our first priority.  The purpose of this policy is to reduce the risk of exposure to and transmission of Covid-19 among persons involved with PDDA and to promote the health and safety of all PDDA registered participants and their families.

3. **Registered Participants and Parents/Guardians Dropping Off/ Picking Up Registered Participants**

PDDA is not extending the requirements of this policy to youth registered participants, their parents or guardians who are only dropping off or picking up at the present time. However, changes in the position of the authorities, including the federal and provincial government and public health authorities and in the number or severity of Covid-19 cases and/or health guidance, may result in a vaccine mandate being imposed by PDDA to our registered participants and their parents/guardians dropping off or picking up at a later date as a condition of continued participation in class or entrance into our studio.

If changes are made in the position of the authorities, including the federal and provincial government and public health authorities or in the number or severity of Covid-19 cases and/or health guidance and a vaccine mandate is imposed and you choose to discontinue your child's and/or your participation at PDDA dance classes a refund or credit will not be issued for fees paid.

To assist in the health and safety of our registered participants and allow for social distancing we will be keeping our waiting room closed to spectators at this time.

If your child is old enough to enter the studio waiting room alone we ask that they do so.  You are encouraged to walk them to and wait for them outside the front door.  Please respect others space and be wearing a mask while doing so if coming within 2 metres of other patrons.

If your child is younger (primarily Saturday morning classes) 1 parent may enter the waiting room with them to get them ready for class.  Once they have entered the studio we ask that you wait outside until class is over and you return to pick them up.

Registered participants and 1 parent/guardian participant for the toddler class will be allowed into the studio to participate together as long as the parent/guardian shows proof they are fully vaccinated.

Adult (18yrs+) registered participants will be required to show proof of full vaccination to participate in class.

4. **Masks**

Masks are required by EVERYONE in our waiting room and washrooms.  At this time, once a registered student gets into their socially distanced dance box they are able to remove their mask to participate in class if they choose to do so.  However, changes in the position of the authorities including the provincial and federal government and public health authorities and in the number or severity of Covid-19 cases and/or health guidance, may result in masks being mandated by PDDA to be worn during participation in class.

Instructors will always start the class by stating that masks may be removed or may stay on for participation in the class.  At this time health and safety guidelines allow for removal during exercise since the registered participants are more than 2 meters apart.  If you would like your child to wear their mask throughout the class please contact Laurie directly before your first class so we are aware.  We are happy to co-operate and encourage this.

Instruction to registered participants will be given for masks to be put back on before registered participants leave their dance box.

Instructors, volunteers and parents/guardians participating in the toddler parent class must be masked at all times while inside the studio, waiting room and/or washroom.