

# **Tango in the time of COVID-19**

## **MonTango's protocols for reopening**

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### **Entering the studio**

You may not enter the premises if you have cold/flu/COVID symptoms such as: cough, fever or shortness of breath. You may not enter if you or anyone you have been in recent contact with has tested positive for COVID or you are awaiting a COVID test result. In any of these cases, please stay home.

If you receive a positive COVID test result within two weeks of having entered our establishment, you must inform us.

You must sanitize your hands on entering our studio. Hand sanitizer is available at the entrance and in several locations around the studio.

You must wear a mask in order to be admitted to the studio. If you forget yours, we have disposable ones available. Note that you are wearing a mask to help protect your teachers – who are in contact with many people every day – as well as your fellow students and dancers.

You are advised to bring a water bottle. Water pitchers and cups will not be provided. (Bottled/canned water and soft drinks are available for purchase.)

We request that you use a single chair during your lesson, both to sit on and to store personal effects such as your shoe bag or sweater.

### **Classes**

Advance registration is required for all classes and activities to ensure we respect participation limits and physical distancing guidelines.

Please arrive no more than 5 minutes early for your lesson to minimize crossing paths with other students.

For all partner-dancing courses including the guided prácticas, you must register in advance and with your own partner. There will be no partner changes during the classes.

Note that we require masks for all students throughout all lessons, even if you are dancing with a partner you live with. This is because we are in an enclosed space for an extended period of time, which poses the highest risk of COVID transmission. Your mask will help protect you and all those who are sharing the space and air with you.

You must sanitize your hands after every contact with a new person. Such contact will be rare as there will be no partner changes in group classes and your teachers will avoid physical contact with students as much as possible.

Directions and instructions will be established in order to minimize close encounters with other students. For example, you will be asked to walk following the counter-clockwise line of dance if you need to cross to the other side of the dance floor – to visit the boutique or the washrooms, for example.

For dancers without partners, we are offering a number of classes you can take solo (yoga, drills and technique classes, for example).

Participation will be limited to ensure distancing measures are respected. The space will be divided and/or marked so couples or individuals will have enough space to move around and still maintain at least 2 metres' distance with the others.

For Yoga, you must bring your own mat. Other props will be sanitized then assigned to one student for the entire session.

### **What we are doing to protect you**

All lessons, group or private, will be scheduled with time between in order to minimize the number of students in the space at once and to reduce the chance you cross paths with others on your way in or out.

We are organizing and marking the space to facilitate distancing both on and off the dance floor.

We will thoroughly clean and disinfect the space daily and disinfect such surfaces as chairs and doorknobs as necessary between lessons.

Bathrooms will be thoroughly cleaned daily, with spot checks and cleaning touch-ups done periodically through the day. In addition, disinfecting products will be on hand so students can wipe down any high-contact surfaces before and after use.

There is a filter on our air conditioning system and we have just added a new, powerful air purifier as well. In addition, we keep the doors open during group lessons, weather permitting.

We will no longer provide water pitchers and cups. Please bring your own water bottle, which you can fill as needed from our tap. We also have bottled/canned water and other drinks available for purchase.

**\*\*Thank you for following these sanitary measures  
so we can all stay safe and keep dancing!\*\***