

NEW HAVEN BALLET

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THANKSGIVING TRAVEL AND GUESTS

Thank you for respecting each other and committing to our safety protocols, which have allowed us to continue dancing virtually and in the studios. A number of households have vulnerable members. We also have a virtual performance to be filmed in a couple of weeks. We are asking everyone to understand that now, more than ever, the need to protect each other remains vitally important. Some of you may be making Thanksgiving plans. New Haven Ballet's COVID-19 Task Force recommends the following, which we understand is **stricter than the Connecticut travel requirements** and designed to ensure we are able to continue to hold classes and film our upcoming winter performance pieces:

- **New Haven Ballet is closed November 25-29.** No classes will be held and the office will be closed.
- **New Haven Ballet will convert all classes to virtual offerings November 30-December 6.** You will be sent Zoom Links for virtual classes.
- **Studio classes will resume December 7.**
- If a student **travels out of state** for more than 24 hours to a "hot spot" or what Connecticut calls an Affected State, we will require self-quarantine for seven days and submission of a negative FDA-approved COVID-19 PCR test before returning to the studio.
- Alternatively, if a student **travels out of state** to an Affected State, a self-quarantine for 14 days before returning to the studio without a COVID-19 PCR test is also acceptable.
- **NHBC rehearsals resume in the studio on December 3** for students who do not travel or host guests from outside their households over the Thanksgiving Holiday and present a negative FDA-approved COVID-19 PCR test, scheduled on November 30 or December 1. Contact a test site below to schedule a test for November 30 or December 1.
- If you **travel or host a guest or guests from outside your household**, you may NOT resume rehearsals on December 3, unless you quarantine for seven days and present a negative FDA-approved COVID-19 PCR test or self-quarantine for 14 days before returning to the studio. **You begin counting the 7 or 14 days from the day your visitor leaves your home.**
- *If you are welcoming a college or other child back home and that child shows no signs of COVID-19 and receives a negative PCR test, your New Haven Ballet student can return to the studio for classes on December 7.*

Governor Lamont's [Executive Order No. 91](#) defines **Affected State** (other than New York, New Jersey, or Rhode Island) as possessing a positive case rate higher than 10 per 100,000 residents, or higher than a 10% test positivity rate over a 7-day rolling average, or from a country for which the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) has issued a Level 3 Travel Health Notice](#). The list of locations (link needed) is updated on a weekly basis every Tuesday. NB: *if you travel to an area or host from an area that over Thanksgiving break becomes an Affected State, we will need to proceed as though the area was hot the whole time you were there or were hosting someone from that location.*

COVID Testing Sites (Call ahead to schedule an appointment):

- 1) YNHH [this website](#) to schedule your own COVID test (if you have insurance that puts you in the Yale Health network).
- 2) Fair Haven Community clinic: Now offering **FREE onsite COVID testing**. You do not need to be a New Haven resident. Call 203.871.4179 for an appointment.
- 3) [City of New Haven COVID-19 Testing Sites](#)