



Circus Mecca
10750 Kasten St. Mendocino, CA 95460

COVID-19 Work Site Specific Protection Plan

Overview:

As stay-at-home orders are modified, it is essential that all possible steps be taken to ensure the safety of instructors and students. Key prevention practices include: signage on all doors, physical distancing to the maximum extent possible, use of facial coverings by instructors and students, frequent hand washing and regular cleaning and disinfection, and lastly, training employees on these and other elements of the COVID-19 prevention plan.

1. **Describe the type of signage you will have and locations:**

A. 8x11 Colored Paper Flyer with warning and advisements:

- <https://www.mendocinocounty.org/business/business-resource-for-covid-19>
- business tool kit (all 3 signs)
- Attention, Do Not Enter Sign If Sick Sign
- Important, Facial Covering Required Sign
- Notice, Social Distancing Required Sign

B. Posted at all entrances, exits and as available throughout the facility-12-15 signs posted.

2. **Describe the PPE you will provide to your instructors and students:** All instructors and students are required to bring and wear their own masks. Students are individually advised of all sanitizing and cleaning supplies in the facility and sign a waiver of understanding their use and importance. Instructors will be advised and mandated to wear a mask throughout class that meets CDC guidelines. Hand sanitizer stations are provided throughout the facility. Buckets of soap and bleach water will be provided throughout the facility. Two bathrooms are provided with soap, water and paper towels.

3. **Describe your plans for training instructors on the use of PPE:**

- A. Instructors will be provided information on COVID-19, how to prevent it from spreading, and which underlying health conditions may make individuals more susceptible to contracting the virus.
- B. Self screening at home, including temperature and/or symptoms checks using CDC guidelines.
- C. The importance of not coming to class if instructors have a frequent cough, fever, difficulty breathing, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, recent loss of taste or smell, or if they or someone they live with have been diagnosed with COVID-19.
- D. To seek medical attention if their symptoms become severe, including persistent pain or pressure in the chest, confusion, or bluish lips or face. Updates and further details are available on CDC's website.
- E. The importance of frequent hand washing with soap and water, including scrubbing with soap for 20 seconds (or using hand sanitizer with at least 60% ethanol or 70% isopropanol when instructors cannot get to a sink or hand washing station, per CDC guidelines).
- F. The importance of physical distancing, both at work and off work time.
- G. Proper use of face coverings, including:

1. Face covering do not protect the wearer and are not personal protective equipment (PPE).
2. Face coverings can help protect people near the wearer, but do not replace the need for physical distancing and frequent hand washing.
3. Instructors should wash or sanitize hands before and after using or adjusting face coverings.
4. Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth. Safe Business Operations Protocol 5/19/2020.
5. Face covering should be washed after each class.

4. Describe your plans for protecting your instructors health:

This is a circus arts education and fitness organization. Our mission is safety and health. Masks, washing hands, social distancing, class size limitations, and no contact class restrictions are required. Instructors can take their temperature throughout the day and stay home if they exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 or their temperature goes over 100.5 degrees.

5. Describe your plans for protecting the health of students:

All students are required to bring and wear their own masks. Student participation is limited to only students that do not require physical contact. (Advanced Levels) Students are individually advised of all cleaning and sanitizing supplies in the facility and sign a waiver stating they understand and agree to use them. Students are advised to personally take their temperature. Students are advised to not enter the facility if feeling ill, have a fever, are coughing or have a temperature reading of 100 or higher. Equipment will be sanitized at the end of the day. Each student will sanitize and wash hands before and after each use of the apparatus.

6. Describe how you will prevent unnecessary contact at your facility:

Instructors, students and parents are advised, flyers are posted, each student/parent sign a waiver of understanding. Administrative counseling, warnings and/or denied access can happen to members not willfully following the rules. A limited class size is enacted to only advanced students who do not require additional contact to practice or learn new tricks.

7. Describe measures to increase sanitization:

Circus Mecca will comply with the CDC Reopening Guidance for cleaning and disinfecting public space. We will provide hand sanitizer throughout the gym, soap and water in the bathroom, and buckets of soapy water and bleach to clean our hands before and after using each apparatus. We are required to also wear a mask during the entirety of the class to prevent respiratory droplets from spreading to the apparatus.

Circus Mecca is dedicated to implementing and adding more safety measures as we gain new perspective of our role as a public training facility during the COVID-19 pandemic. We have resourced the CDC guidelines to sanitation and safety, the Mendocino County COVID-19 Safe Business Operations Protocol as well as The American Circus Educators (ACE) Association COVID-19 Response Guide.