

On with the Show!

Hello MCDA Dancers and Families,

I hope this finds you all doing well! I am excited to announce our re-opening, for next week Tuesday May 26th, 2020. During my 30-year tenure in business I have never experienced anything like the past ten weeks, whew, what a crazy time. Thank you for your continued support and patience as we navigated and managed through all the changes and challenges. We have adopted some new policies and procedures in an effort to meet state guidelines for social distancing and health and safety protocols. I am going to ask you to continue to be patient and understanding as we as a staff and studio family work through these challenging times. It has always been and will continue to be a priority for us to provide a clean, safe, and healthy environment for our students and their families.

I thought this would be a great time to introduce Kellie McHenry. Miss Kellie has been with MCDA for 8 years. She works behind the scene outside of active dancing hours to clean and sanitize our studio. She has always made it her priority to keep us germ-free, looking good and not smelling like dancer's feet. I am so thankful for her consistent hard work and diligence in making sure MCDA is a safe and clean place for dancers even when we aren't dealing with a pandemic. Be assured Miss Kellie will continue to work hard to keep MCDA sanitized, clean and fresh every day.



With that said, there are some changes that you will notice when you arrive back in class next week. I will do my best to detail them below. If you have questions, feel free to email the studio.

Based on the "Responsible Ohio Restart Guidelines" sent by Governor DeWine Friday, May 15th, we have implemented a few changes to our class schedule, how we enter and leave the building, space requirements, use of masks, water bottles, student lobby, break times, and others.

Entrance and Exit of the Building

- The front door (off of Court Street) at the sidewalk will be open for entering the building. Students are to enter the front door into the studio lobby. Parents can pull up to the sidewalk and watch their dancers walk in the front door.
- At dismissal time we will use the side entrance as always. Teachers will have students at the side door for parents to do a drive through pick up.
- The goal is to eliminate congestion in the entrance-way and help our students and families maintain good social distancing.



Spacing

- The student lobby will be marked with spots for dancers to leave their bags and personal belongings. These spaces will be spread out to create safe distancing for dancers to get ready for class. Please only bring the BARE MINIMUM in your dance bag!
- Each dance room is marked with spacing dots. Dancers and teachers will use these as a reference to maintain safe and healthy distancing as we are dancing.

Class Schedule Changes

- Several classes that use the small upstairs dancer room (Studio 2) have been split into 2 groups. Please reference the attached schedule. These classes are bigger so we need to be sure dancers can spread out. This change is only for large classes in the small room.

Masks

- As outlined in the “Responsible Ohio Restart Guidelines” masks for participants will be voluntary. If students would like to wear masks they may. Please be aware that the staff is not allowed to help students take off or put on their masks. Students will need to manage their masks independently when they have water breaks or if they are finding it hard to breathe during heavy cardio movement. Mask wearing during exercise is challenging for professional and trained athlete; this is not a transition students will make easily. If a family feels strongly that a student must wear a mask, we will support and respect your decision. Please be aware that each family will have to choose what is best for them.

Health Smart

- All students and guests to the building must practice thorough health and wellness self-assessments. If you are sick STAY HOME. Wash your hands regularly with warm water and soap. No sharing food or drinks. The water fountain will be closed.

The Green Room

“In show business, the **green room** is the space in a theatre or similar venue that functions as a waiting room performer before, during, and after a show.”

- If a dancer becomes ill (feels green) during class they will be asked to wait in the Green Room (Miss Kelly's Office). Staff will wait with the child and parents will be called for immediate pickup.

My Dance Space



All our dance rooms will be marked off with appropriate distancing. Dancers will still get to move around the room and do progressions across the floor, however, teachers will spend a few minutes helping dancers determine good spacing protocols. Please encourage your dancer to follow the rules and be respectful of other's dance space.

Again, thank you for your support and LET'S GET DANCING!!!