

## The Dance Studio Protocols and Procedures for Covid-19

The following will provide information about our current Covid -19 protocols, procedures and class structure. We are following the CDC and Mass state reopening guidelines. We are a youth activity and have been cleared for reopening at 50% capacity. All classes will begin on September 14<sup>th</sup> in person and online, This includes the start of early education classes like combos, predance and fairytale classes. We will have smaller classes to accommodate for an 8 ft social distancing and we will be wiping down all surfaces and using UVC sanitizing lights between each and every class. The safety of the students and staff is our biggest priority. We ask, if possible, to keep the lobby clear or limit lobby travel to essential travel only. If you are waiting for your dancer, please wait in your car or enjoy some fresh air. Toddler, Combo, Predance and Ballet Fairytale parents, please escort your child into class and assist them with sanitizing hands or preparing for class. A teacher will take their temperature before they enter class. Below, you will find a FULL outline of class procedures and protocols.

We do understand that some families have concerns about returning because of medical reasons. We have added a **NEW** way for these families and their dancers to participate. We are adding a virtual class experience for in studio classes. The studio is installing new virtual screen, to each studio, that will enable students to interact with the classroom from home. Also installed, is a new hi speed internet modem that will provide better streaming of classes. On Monday September 14<sup>th</sup>, we will send out links to online classes to all our students registered for fall classes.

Here is a lay out of our social distancing and sanitation procedures:

**Sanitation:** \*All surfaces will be wiped down between and after classes. Each evening following classes the entire studio will be treated with UVC light sanitizers. This will help ensure cleansing of all surfaces and air within the studio.

**Social Distancing:** We request that all (students, parents and teachers) wear masks while in the lobby. This is an area that we are speaking in closer proximity to each other. Once entering the studio, participants can remove their masks and maintain a 6FT OR MORE social distance. Students may choose to wear a mask during class. Teachers will wear masks, during class, when they need to assist a student with in the 6ft social distancing. This is mainly in our younger classes for shoe tying, comforting in distress or helping a student to their social distancing dance spot.

\*We will be utilizing both sets of doors for entering and exiting the studio. If your class/es are in the right studio, this is the pink studio room. Dancers will be using the right set of exterior doors (marked in pink) for both entering and exiting the studio. The same will go for classes in the left studio, the purple studio. This will reduce interaction between the classes.

### ***Entering procedures for dancers and parents:***

- will be required to sanitize hand before and after class
- will remain in their social distancing dance area during the duration of class
- Masks must be worn in the lobby and common area and during Adult dance and fitness classes. Mask may be worn by students/ teachers during student dance class if they wish.
- will be required to have a temperature check before entering class to ensure safety of both staff and students.
- Class activities like partnering, hand holding, across the floor and barre exercises will be temporarily suspended or modified to ensure social distancing.