

COVID-19 Information

THE HEALTH & SAFETY OF OUR DANCE FAMILY IS OUR TOP PRIORITY!

The health and safety of our students, staff, and families is our top priority, and we want to ensure that all students and families feel safe, comfortable, and excited taking class in our space! Below is information in great detail regarding our safety procedures and guidelines for dancing at our studio during the COVID-19 pandemic. Please note that while we are being extraordinarily thorough in our safety procedures by choice, many of these guidelines are in fact required in order to open our facility. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation. Modifications will be made as needed throughout the season.

OUR FACILITY

Our class schedule, enrollment capacities, and dance studio spaces have been carefully crafted for us to operate at 25% capacity to reduce exposure and allow for proper social distancing in safe participation. The **dance room** is outfitted with taped markings on the floor for each dancer to have their own assigned, personal dance space as well as a nearby personal space to put their personal belongings during class. Each dance space is spaced apart to keep dancers safely distanced. As long as we are mandated to operate at a limited capacity, our **waiting room** must remain closed. This is outlined in the guidelines presented by the State of New Jersey. Additionally, the **main office** will be closed during classes and all payments/transactions will be handled online unless otherwise arranged. In-person transactions or fittings/sales of apparel, shoes or dance items at our office can be made by appointment.

DROP OFF & PICK UP PROCEDURES

We have 2 doors we will be utilizing for drop off and pick up. Students will be allowed in one door and dismissed through another to keep a bit of separation. Dancers must arrive dressed and ready for class. You may either wait in your vehicle or outside the door on the walkway. Our main front entrance door will be used for Entry and the door next to it (on the left) will be used for Exit.

Dancers age 5 and under may be accompanied by a parent into the lobby and will be greeted by a staff member to be brought into the dance room. The lobby remains closed and face coverings are required.

Anyone entering must use the pump sanitizer as well as when you exit.

We will be taking temperatures via a touchless thermometer as kids enter.

Hour Long Classes will end five minutes before the actual class time and dancers will be dismissed one at a time directly to a parent/guardian at that time. Classes will start/end on this schedule to allow for sanitizing of the dance room between each class and safe, spaced out entrance/exit of students between classes. Please keep careful track of your dancers' belongings when entering/exiting. We will not have a **lost & found** collection at this time and will have to dispose of items left at the studio at the end of each day.

PROCEDURES IN CLASS

When students enter the room, they will be given a pump of hand sanitizer and assigned a number. Each dancer will have their own numbered 6 foot by 6 foot taped square for dancing in. Please limit **personal belongings** brought into class. We recommend to include: dance shoes per class, **closed** water bottle (must have a screw top or snap top, not an open straw) and clearly marked with name marked on it, and phone/key/ID/wallet if applicable. Students are also welcome to bring their own sanitizer and/or tissues, but we have an ample supply throughout our facility.

*Individuals over the age of 2 are required to wear cloth **face coverings** while entering and exiting the building.* If anyone refuses to wear a face covering for non-medical reasons, then we are required to decline the individual entry into our indoor premises. If your dancer cannot wear a mask for medical reasons, please notify us in advance of their first class. Face masks are also required when six feet of social distancing cannot be maintained. Students who bring their own water bottle will be permitted to briefly lower their mask to take water breaks during class.

*Any student exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19 including, but not limited to fever/chills, cough, or shortness of breath will not be admitted into the facility. If a student **exhibits symptoms** while in class, a parent/guardian or emergency contact will be contacted to immediately pick up the child. While waiting, the student will be seated in a separate room away from others.*

As much as we would love to hug our students whom we've missed so much, please remind your child to avoid hugs, high fives, and other **physical interactions**. We will be smiling through our masks at the sight of our students and will be so excited to see all of you!

If you have any questions or would like to schedule an appointment to tour our facility, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are committed to providing a high-quality and safe learning experience and environment for every dancer!

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