



2020-2021 Covid-19 Safer Studio Protocol

We are excited to see you and have prepared the following information to help families have a happy, healthy, and safe return to classes. Please review before the first class for the smoothest transition back to classes.

Dance Academy is a Safer Studio™ and will follow the More Than Just Great Dancing! ® Safer Studio Guidelines which prioritize a hierarchy of safety and wellness measures including:

- Wellness checks for staff
- Frequent hand hygiene
- Enhanced cleaning procedures
- Minimizing mixing and mingling using social distancing practices
- Curricular and facility adjustments
- Gradual re-opening and continuous parent communications.

Wellness of Staff & Families

- All teachers and staff members will receive regular and continuing safety training as it relates to preventing community spread of COVID-19.
- All staff members are wellness checked before their shift.
- Parents are asked to NOT send their children to In-Studio class if they, or a member of their household, have a fever or respiratory symptoms.
- Parents are asked to NOT send their children to In-Studio class if they, or a member of their household, have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days.

Frequent Hand Hygiene

- Employees will wash hands and/or sanitize before and after each class.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be available outside of all entrances, outside of every classroom, and inside the classrooms. Students will be encouraged to wash hands and/or sanitize before and after classes.
- Hand washing posters are posted within bathrooms and classrooms.

Enhanced Cleaning Procedures

- We have increased our cleaning frequencies and sanitation procedures in high traffic areas and high touch surfaces of the studio such as doors, viewing windows, barres, floors, counters, stereos, and bathrooms.

Minimized Mixing and Mingling

- We have made facility, scheduling, and curricular changes to reduce mixing and mingling in support of social distancing recommendations. However, we understand that unlike older children and adults, young children cannot be expected to maintain social distancing at all times.

Facility & Curricular Adjustments

- All lobby waiting areas will be closed unless specified.
- Please bring clearly labeled water bottles. Drinking fountains will not be available.
- No food will be allowed in the studio.
- Curricular adjustments have been made to minimize prop use, hand-holding and to reduce mixing and mingling in the classroom.
- Class sizes have been modified to reflect current county recommendations.
- Classrooms will refrain from high fives, “ballerina hugs”, fist bumps, and other physical contact.

Gradual Re-Opening & Continuous Parent Communication

- We are gradually reopening with smaller in-studio attendance, offering online class options and staggering class times.
- Please visit our website, Parent Portal and join our Dance Academy Parent Community Private Facebook group where you will find a stop and go light icon that clearly indicates the status of classes: Green indicates it is safe to attend face-to-face classes. Yellow indicates there has been a cautionary change, so look for an email with details. Red indicates clients should stay home and attend class online.

Arrival & Departure

- Please enter using the side glass doors for all arrivals. At this time, we ask that parents wait in their cars or outside during classes to help with social distancing in the building. Parents of little dancers under age 6 are able to wait inside if necessary for child comfort.
- Please limit parent drop off to ONE person whenever possible. Sibling visitors cannot be accommodated during this term.
- Please exit using doors in front of the building for all departures. Parents will be asked to wait outside for kids to be released. At the end of class, parents must be by the door to receive their child. Students cannot walk across the parking lot to go to their parents for safety reasons.

Bathroom Use

- We encourage all students to use the restroom at home before coming to class.
- Bathrooms will be limited for emergencies and will be cleaned frequently

Masks

- We will follow the current regulations as stated by the county for employees and it will be emailed & posted on all entrances. Parents and students are asked to follow the posted policy while participating in the In-Studio classes.

If parents/students are unable to accommodate any of the policies, we request the student consider attending the Online class option to keep ALL families happy, healthy and safe.