

As you may know, Florida's Governor decided to open fitness centers this past Monday, and as a dance studio, we fall under that category. We are grateful for the opportunity to once again bring the art of dance back into the studio, because we know that exercise is critical to our health and well being. The studio will follow the recommendations to ensure impeccable cleanliness, social distancing, and the protection of those most vulnerable in our community.

Our classes will be starting back up in person on June 1st. In the first opening stages, we will only be allowed to have so many students per room in order to accommodate the social distancing. We will continue to offer Zoom classes to those who would rather continue virtually or if there's an issue with space. We will offer this for the month of June and will re-evaluate for July.

What is the safety protocol?

Employees:

All Employees will wash their hands upon entering the studio. If they feel ill, they will be asked to stay home. All employees will practice social distancing while at the studio. Following each class, the staff will sanitize the room (including doorknobs, floors, etc), wash their hands and open the door for the next class to enter. Classes will be shortened by 10 min in the early stages to allow sanitizing and student arrival and departure. Focus for class will be on warm up, technique, and recital practice.

Employee Checklist:

- Take your temp upon entering the building
- Wash your hand before and after every class
- Sanitize after every class

Dancers:

Dancers will wait outside the studio until the lobby is opened at the class time/switch. They will wait in line spaced 6 feet apart to enter the building. All dancers should be supervised by a parent or guardian until they enter the the studio. Upon entering, all dancers will stop at the desk for hand sanitizer and head directly to class. Dancers should bring their own water bottle with names, as the water machine will not be open. Any water bottles left at the end of the night will be discarded for sanitary reasons. Disposable bottles are recommended. Dancers will stay in their marked area in the classroom, we have markers down for each student. Dancers will be dismissed at the front door with staff so we can try to maintain the social distancing procedures. Please pick up your dancer promptly so that we can prepare for the next class. If your child is going right into another class, he/she can stand in the hallway while the room is sanitized.

Dancer Checklist:

- Use the bathroom before heading to the studio
- Wait outside until class time

- Have dance shoes and a water bottle
- Stop at the desk for hand sanitizer when entering the building

Parents, Siblings, Etc:

Our lobby will remain closed for now to mitigate the amount of germs introduced into our facility. All parents, siblings, etc will wait outside or in their cars during class.

Parent Checklist:

- Remain outside the building at all times
- Continue to email us with any questions or concerns
- Pick up your dancer at the appropriate time

Restrooms will be sanitized after each use. The door handles, faucets, lights switch, and toilet will be cleaned by staff every time the restroom is used.

What about masks?

Our instructors will not be required to wear masks. It is very difficult to breathe while exercising with a face covering. We are also aware of health issues that can occur due to rebreathing CO2 instead of fresh air while exercising. Children are also more likely to play with and move their masks as they become uncomfortable making them more susceptible to germs.

But what if my dancer isn't ready?

If for any reason you are not comfortable or confident in these safety measures, please keep your child home and continue doing class via Zoom. We feel very fortunate that we can offer both options to meet everyone's needs. The following families should keep their dancer home for class:

- Anyone uncomfortable with sending their child to the studio for any reason at this time
- Any family with multiple dancers enrolled that finds Zoom more convenient for scheduling
- Anyone with a dancer or family member that feels ill

We cannot wait to see everyone again and we look forward to safely preparing for this years recital. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. We will send another email reminder before June 1, until then we will continue Zoom classes from home.

Thank you all so much for being such awesome dance parents!

