



Covid-19 Policies for SUMMER TERM 2020

Please note, these policies are subject to change with notice.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Please enter using the front lobby. A staff member will be outside to greet your student at the start of class and help them to their room.
- Face coverings are to be worn for arrival and departure to and from the studio as well as in class for all dancers ages 6 and up. Dancers are allowed to remove face coverings for breaks if distanced 6 feet apart and while exercising.
- Please bring your dancer 5 minutes early (not any sooner and try not to be late), so they can safely and easily get into the building and to their classroom. At this time, we ask that no parents enter the studio unless your child is under the age of 6 in which case, we will bring you and your dancer into the studio for drop off at the door of their classroom. Parents will then exit the building through the back lobby. You may wait in the car or run an errand. At the end of class, dancers will be brought out of class and down to the back lobby. If you wish to pick up your younger dancer inside the studio, you may come back at the very end of class – physically distanced – and greet your dancer outside of the classroom. For ease and safety, we strongly urge parents to allow us to bring your dancer to you on the sidewalk outside the building.
- To exit the studio, our classes have been spaced apart and we will dismiss them one at a time to grab their things and head towards the back entrance.
- Physical distancing (6 feet apart) will be observed throughout the studios and lobby.
- All lobby waiting areas, children's play space, student study areas, break areas, etc. will be closed.
- Families with high-risk family members should consider participating in class through our live stream platform. Please contact the studio if this is needed for your family.
- Live stream is available for families who are unable to attend due to illness/medical reasons. Live stream is not available for other reasons, however we will be offering distance learning classes for dancers that prefer zoom only.
- Students with multiple classes will be transitioned from one class to the next by studio staff.
- We ask all parents sign a waiver before participation in the fall and to follow our safer studio guidelines.

HYGIENE

- We have increased our cleaning frequencies and have additional staff on hand to assist with increased sanitation procedures.
- Employees will wash hands and/or sanitize before and after each class.
- Our employees will wear masks with some exceptions to instruct, take breaks and while exercising, noting they are 6 feet distanced from other dancers.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be available at our entrances/exits and inside classrooms. Students will be asked to wash hands and/or sanitize before and after classes.
- Handwashing posters are clearly posted within bathrooms as well as reminders to help us wipe the touch areas with provided wipes in each bathroom.

WELLNESS

- In addition to our outstanding rigorous safety and wellness training, all teachers and staff members will receive regular and continuing safety training as it relates to preventing community spread of COVID-19.
- Any staff member or student showing signs of sickness will be sent home and asked to wait 72 hours to return.
- Please do not attend classes if you have fever of 100.4 or higher, or respiratory symptoms, sore throat, or live in a household with someone exhibiting symptoms.
- Please do not attend classes if you have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days.
- Please do not attend classes for 14 days following a visit to an area where there is "widespread sustained community spread" of COVID-19.

CLASSROOMS

- Class sizes have been modified to reflect a 6-foot social distancing pattern and floors will have markers to help students maintain boundaries as much as possible.
- Upon entering, teachers/assistants will wash their hands and/or use hand sanitizer. Staff will have temp checks each day
- Please bring clearly labeled water bottles. Drinking fountains will not be available.
- Dancers will bring all dance bags into the studio for changing shoes.
- The use of small handheld props will be discontinued. Barres will only be used for some graded levels and sanitized between classes. Dancers 6 and under will have their own personalized props for each week.
- Classrooms will refrain from hand-holding, high fives, "ballerina hugs", and partnering work for our current phase 4.
- Classrooms will have staggered dismissal (3-5 minutes) to allow for student transitions as well as have been given 5-10 minutes in between to clean floors and touch points.

BATHROOM USE

- Bathrooms will be available for toileting only, but not for changing clothes.
- We strongly encourage all students to use the restroom at home before coming to class.
- Bathrooms will be limited for emergencies and will be cleaned hourly as well as asked by students to wipe all touch points with provided wipes.

INTERNAL/STAFF

- Do not come to the studio if you are experiencing flu-like symptoms, fever of 100.4 or higher, respiratory distress, have had COVID-19 exposure, symptoms or have been around someone who has had COVID-19.
- Staff will temperature check upon arrival. Staff with temperatures of 100.4 degrees or greater, will be asked to leave the studio and a substitute teacher will cover your classes.
- Arrive at the parking lot 10 minutes early and upon entering the building, wash or sanitize your hands. Please enter the facility entrance and go directly to your classroom.
- Please bring all of your belongings with you from class to class.
- Please hold the door of your classroom open to allow dancers to enter without needing to touch the door handles.
- Make sure you are explaining to students new procedures including pre- and post-class hand sanitizing, use of their designated classroom area, use of their designated bag/belongings area, and physical distancing reminders. Keep students from touching as much as possible.
- At the end of every class, make sure you are sanitizing any surfaces touched during class: pens, radio, iPads, doorknobs, and mop floor. Products will be provided in all studios to use for sanitation.
- Staff are to wear face covering with some exceptions such as to instruct young dancers who need to see your face, while exercising or medically exempt. When face coverings are removed all staff will maintain 6 foot distance.