

Covid-19 precautionary measures

We will be doing our best to follow the CDC guidelines as outlined on the CDC website. You can go to the link below for more information on the CDC's recommendation for planning, preparing, and responding for schools and childcare programs.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/index.html>

School Protocol:

1. As students enter the building we will be taking temperatures.
2. The lobby will be closed to families waiting for a student. Instead families of students will either drop them off or wait in their cars. Parents of 3-6 yr old students will drop their student off at the entrance to the building where their teacher will be waiting for them. One parent of each 2 year old student will be able to come into the building and remain until class is over. If a 3-6 year old student is having an issue going to class, we will allow one parent to accompany them until they are comfortable on their own.
3. We ask that each student have hand sanitizer they use as they enter and exit the building. If they do not, we will have some available by the door.
4. If your child is showing any signs of sickness please keep them home. If we see any signs of sickness we will ask them to go home.
5. Bathrooms and other common surfaces will be cleaned at intervals throughout each night.
6. Students who need to wait in the lobby in between classes will be assigned a designated area to hang out while they wait.
7. Send water with your student. The drinking fountain will not be open for drinking out of directly. You will still be able to fill your water bottle with the water bottle filling accessory on the drinking fountain.
8. We are limiting the size of our classes to smaller than normal to maximize distancing.
9. Windows will be open with fans blowing out to constantly have air exchanged in the building
10. If the ventilation system needs to be on, we have virus grade filters to clean the circulating air.
11. The school will be cleaned daily with the school open fully 3 days a week, and 1 day with only 3 classes.
12. If we find out there is a student or family that has contracted the virus, families will be notified immediately.

Teacher protocol:

1. After each class teachers will:
 - a. Use Clorox wipes to wipe down all the ballet barres in your class
 - b. Use Clorox wipes to wipe down the door handles inside and out
 - c. Use Clorox wipes to wipe down your teaching stations and all button and knobs when done using
 - d. Use hand sanitizer between each class

2. Have students use hand sanitizer before and after class and remind them not to touch their face during class
3. Teachers will not touch any of their students hands, face, neck or any bare skin
4. Teachers will encourage their students to not touch each other
5. If class that requires use of the barre, the teacher will require students pick a spot and only use that spot on the barre for the entire class
6. If a teacher is sick they will get a sub to teach for them unless they have been diagnosed properly (for instance you had strep throat over the weekend, were swabbed, feel better and have been on antibiotics).
7. Organize the class in a manner that allows social distancing. By nature dance students are already socially distanced, but an area that we will need to organize more is waiting in line to go across the floor or waiting to do a combination. We are taking additional measures to keep our younger students socially distanced as well.
8. If the teacher sees any student that is showing signs of sickness, they will notify the front desk or parent immediately and send them home.

Student protocol:

1. Students will not be wearing masks while dancing, as it is unsafe to do so. We feel this does not compromise our safety as we are well under the 25% capacity for our building.
2. Sanitize hands upon entering and exiting the building
3. Students waiting in the lobby in between classes will be assigned a certain area to keep their personal belongings, and to wait for their next class.
4. Students will not be required to wear masks in the lobby area, but are welcome to do so.
5. If a student is showing any signs of sickness, they should stay home. According to the CDC, the symptoms include, but are not limited to:
 - Fever or chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - sudden loss of taste or smell
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea
6. No students should be left at the studio unless waiting for another class to start.

We ask that each family do their part to keep everyone safe. We are so excited to be back, and are looking forward to another great year.