



## **DANCE EXPRESS 2020-21 OPENING GUIDELINES**

We have been working very hard this summer to make the studio a safe environment for our dancers to return. We do realize some may still be nervous and cautious to be at the studio in person. We will be offering a zoom option for those that still would like to take class while staying home. Please see the information below regarding this. We are also hoping to take advantage of our outdoor flooring area as much as we can when the season begins. Factors like weather and daylight will factor with how often we can be outside. We will try and let you know beforehand each week if we are planning for your class to be outside or inside.

\*\* Please note, when dancing outside masks will not be mandatory to wear when dancing. You must wear to and from the class. When conducting exercises where dancers are required to be close to one another, masks will be required. When dancing inside, we are asking that all dancers wear a mask unless the teach instructs them that they can remove them (e.g. social distancing, smaller classes etc.).

### **BUILDING PREPARATION:**

- Sanitizing stations have been set up all throughout the building along with touchless soap dispensers in the bathrooms
- Air filters have been replaced and continued to be replaced regularly throughout the building
- HEPA Air purifier purchased for the studio area
- Squared off 6ft boxes in dance studio area to keep dancers distanced
- Back & Front Doors left open when weather permits to keep the air flow
- Highly touched surfaces will be disinfected in between classes, and thorough cleaning of floors done each night
- Studio will be professionally cleaned each week
- Signage throughout the studio as reminders to dancers
- Lobby area will be closed to parents (with the exception of dancers 4 & under where 1 parent per dancer will be allowed (socially distanced in the waiting room. Parents in the waiting room must wear a face mask)

### **PRIOR TO CLASS:**

- **DANCERS SHOULD NOT BE COMING TO CLASS IF THEY HAVE ANY SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19**, including fever, chills, cough, sore throat, stomachache, nausea, vomiting or other symptoms outlined by the CDC. Please be considerate of your fellow dancers and teachers
- We are asking parents to take your child's temperature on a regular basis at home before coming to class
- We will need a signed waiver form before your dancer is allowed to start dance for the Fall. We ask that you keep a copy of this waiver as well to look over before class.
- We expect parents will notify us immediately if their dancer has a confirmed case of COVID-19 or has been in contact with someone who has tested positive. The Board of Health will need to be notified and we will take the proper measurements as directed by them.

### **COMING TO & DURING CLASS:**

- When using both inside studios we will use separate entrances and exits for each room (we will send notice of this ahead of class day)
- Dancers should not arrive more than 5 minutes before their class and wait outside for a teacher to direct them to come in. Dancers should be picked up no more than 5 minutes after their class time.
- Parents will not be allowed in the building/lobby area. Only dancers 4 & under will be allowed 1 parent in with them (no siblings)
- Anyone entering and exiting the building should be wearing a mask and sanitizing their hands.
- If Dancers are waiting in hallways before class, they are asked to keep physically distanced at all times.
- All dancers' belongings should be contained into 1 bag. There will be a cubby inside each studio for their items. Water bottles should be labeled with their name. **WATER SHOULD ONLY BE BROUGHT IF THEY ARE IN A CLASS THAT IS MORE THAN 1 HOUR LONG.**
- Studio rooms are squared off in 6 X 6 boxes. There will be no hand holding, lifts or other activities where dancers need to be in close proximity.
- While inside dancing we are requiring face masks. We will allow for mask breaks during class as needed.
- Some classes may be let out 5 minutes early to allow for cleaning and for next class to attend.
- **NO FOOD WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE BUILDING.** If your dancer has multiple classes, please make sure they have a snack before coming to the studio.

## **IN THE EVENT A STAFF MEMBER, DANCER/FAMILY MEMBER TESTS POSITIVE:**

- Board of Health will be notified
- Studio will receive a professional cleaning and disinfecting
- Families of staff/dancer who came in contact with them at the studio will be notified.
- Staff/dancer must stay home for a minimum of 14 days, or until a negative test result has been achieved.

## **ZOOM OPTION:**

- We will have a Zoom option available for all classes. Tuition cost will be the same as in person classes.
- This is available for those not yet comfortable coming in person or if a class is closed. Dancers who choose the Zoom option for classes at full capacity must remain on the Zoom option until a space opens up (an open classroom space is not guaranteed).
- In order to participate in our annual recital, dancers will need to be able to dance in studio during the Spring in order to learn their choreography. Disclaimer: the decisions here will evolve as we gain more information on COVID, a vaccine, state requirements, etc.)
- We cannot guarantee an in-person spot in class if you are starting on Zoom and then want to join class at a later time. We will do our best and be creative to get all dancers involved in the annual recital.

Please remember that this is an evolving situation and things can change day to day. We are going to do everything we can to continue to make dance a positive and safe environment for all our dancers and families.

**\*\* PLEASE NOTE SOME CLASS TIMES WILL BE CHANGED IN ORDER TO MAKE ROOM FOR CLEANING IN BETWEEN CLASSES AND TO ALLOW LESS CLASS TIME IN A MASK. WE WILL BE SENDING OUT THE REVISED SCHEDULE SHORTLY.**