



DANCE EXPRESS 2021-22 SAFETY GUIDELINES

We continue to monitor the covid numbers and guidelines and will make changes as needed to keep our dancers safe. Many changes we put in place last season will continue this season as well. We will make sure to update you to any new changes or guidelines that may affect the studio and classes.

**** Please note, at this point Masks are optional for vaccinated dancers/staff but are highly recommended for all dancers that have not been vaccinated when inside. This could change as the virus changes and we may go back to all dancers/staff wearing masks.**

BUILDING PREPARATION:

- Sanitizing stations are 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
- Back & Front Doors left open when weather permits to keep the air flow
- Highly touched surfaces will be disinfected in between classes, and floors cleaned regularly.
- 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 5 & 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 if not vaccinated). Parents are welcome to come into the office if they need to ask a question or pick up something.

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:

- 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 5 & 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.**
- While inside dancing we are requiring face masks for those not vaccinated and could change to all dancers. We will allow for mask breaks during class as needed.
- **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 or follow the guidelines given by the Board of Health

ZOOM:

- At this point we will NOT be offering a zoom option regularly.
- If there is a shutdown or an entire class has to quarantine we will then offer zoom classes. Tuition will not be adjusted if we have to switch to this option.

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.