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## **STUDIO COVID-19 PROTOCOLS:**

- 1. Curbside Drop off and Pick Up: Dancers must arrive at either the front or back door entrance 10 minutes before their class.
  - Dancers in Studio 1 (large studio), will park in the parking lot at the back for the building.
  - Dancers in Studio 2 (small studio), will wait in their cars at Johnson Ave. front entrance.
- 2. Wait in your car until your dancer is waived in. A monitor (teacher, assistant or staff member) will be at the front door wearing a mask. The monitor will ask screening questions, direct your dancer into the studio, and ensure that all individuals entering sanitize their hands. Dancers will enter one at a time into the building wearing a mask.
- 3. Given the new mandatory mask directive (in effect July 24), all individuals must wear masks in all public areas of the studio.
- 4. Only parents of dancers in Pre-Competitive, Dance Basics, Hip Hop Mini, and Creative Movement will be allowed to walk their child up to the studio and wait in the waiting area. Parents/guardians who are staying in the waiting room must wear a mask while in the premises. Only one parent/guardian per dancer in the waiting area, no other family members.
- 5. No other parents besides **Pre-Competitive**, **Dance Basics**, **Hip Hop Mini**, **and Creative Movement** are permitted in the waiting area as the class sizes are larger and our waiting area does not allow for the appropriate social distancing. We also need to limit the amount of traffic and number of participants in the studio. Thank you in advanced for your understanding and cooperation.
- 6. All other dancers (Grade 1 and above) will enter the studio on their own (parents/ guardians can come to the doorway during screening questions to assist).
- 7. If your dancer is in Studio 1 (large studio):
  - Dancers will proceed to the back door from the parking lot where they will be met by a monitor
  - Dancers will put their outdoor shoes on the shelf at the back door
  - Grab a "belongings box" which will be numbered
  - Enter the studio following the signage
  - Place their "belongings box" in the assigned spot that matches the number on it
  - Proceed to their designated spot in the centre of the studio (that also matches the number on their box)
- 8. The back waiting room by the office will be closed at this time and both change rooms.

- 9. If your dancer is in Studio 2 (small studio):
  - Dancers will proceed to the front door where they will be met by a monitor
  - Dancers will put their outdoor shoes on the shelf outside the waiting room door
  - Grab a "belongings box" which will be numbered
  - Enter the studio following the signage
  - Place their "belongings box" in the assigned spot that matches the number on it
  - Proceed to their designated spot in the centre of the studio (that also matches the number on their box)
- 10. Dancers will also have designated spots at the barres, which are spaced 6ft apart.
- 11. Class instructor, assistants, and studio staff are permitted to remove face masks while in the studio if participating in physical activity and socially distancing. Teachers and assistants must always have a face mask on if spotting or correcting dancers.
- 12. Bathroom breaks: we ask that your dancer goes to the bathroom before arriving. If they need to use the bathroom:
  - Studio 1 (large studio), will use the bathroom by the back entrance.
  - Studio 2 (small studio) will use the bathroom at the top of the front stairs.
  - Only one person in the bathroom at a time (unless a younger dancer is accompanied by a parent).
  - Bathrooms will be cleaned regularly by staff members.
- 13. There will be a hand sanitizer and water break halfway through the class. Dancers must bring their own water bottles. Please pack two if neccessary.
- 14. At the end of your dancer's class, your dancer will:
  - Grab their "belongings box"
  - Exit the classroom one at at time with their box
  - Wipe down their box (for our younger dancers, parents can do this)
  - Place the box back on the shelf
  - Participants will grab their shoes one at a time and proceed down the stairway.
  - If your dancer finishes in Studio 1 they will come out the back parking lot entrance
  - If your dancer finishes in Studio 2 they will come out the front entrance on Johnson Ave.
  - If dancers start in one studio, but finish in the other, they will need to grab their shoes and take them to the other side at the end of their first class.
  - There will be a monitor to assist for Grade 1 & under dancers and ensure a parent is there to pick them up.
- 15. All parents must wait outside of their cars to greet their dancer 10-15 minutes before the end of class. This is for safety reasons so the monitor and dancer can see the driver.

## 16. All classes (one hour long or more) will finish 10 minutes early to ensure there is no traffic in the stairwell and so that we have ample time to clean the studio in between classes. Please ensure you arrive early to pick up your child on time.

17. Pre-Competitive, Dance Basics, Hip Hop Mini, and Creative Movement parents/guardians must exit quickly keeping social distancing, as we need to clean the studio, waiting room and bathrooms before the next class.

18. Parents/guardians must do their best to always be on time to pick up their dancer. If you are unable to do so, call the office at 286-1010.

19. If any dancers have non-COVID-19 health conditions or concerns, the studio office must be notified.

20. A meeting must be made via email if anyone needs to speak with someone in the office, or make a payment.

21. If there is a second waive of COVID-19 and we are once again forced to close the studio, we will resume classes online through Zoom with no refunds or credits.