



**Here at the Dance Depot,** we want to assure all the members of our dance family that the best possible practices continue to guide our decisions as we make plans for our upcoming fall schedule, starting during the week of Tuesday September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020. We are with you and your family during this time and are here to help where we can as we bring dance back into our lives.

- **STAY WITH US!** At this time, Dance Depot is moving forward with dance class planning to ensure we continue to offer a dance experience full of fun and learning!
- The health and safety of our dancers remains our #1 priority. We are hopeful that decisive actions taken now will bring positive results for our community and our dance programs.
- We are excited to welcome all of our dance families and instructors to their new class schedule and will have enhanced screening and sanitations procedures to ensure everyone's safety.

This is a rapidly evolving situation and one of the most important things we can do is remain adaptive and flexible. We want you to feel informed and will continue to update our website and email you as new information becomes available. Please review the following COVID-19 related Policies and Procedures in regards to the 2020-21 dance seasons.

It is our goal to provide a safe and fun dance environment for our students, staff and community. This is a work in progress and we understand you will have questions. Please reach out and help us, better understand your concerns. We want to help you understand our policies and procedures.

Stay healthy and safe, and thank you for your patience!

## **Dance Depot Health and Safety Policies**

The purpose of the Health and Safety Policy is to keep students, guests, dancers and staff of the Dance Depot safe and healthy, as well as encourage confidence to return to our programs. These procedures will apply to all who enter the Dance Depot; its staff, dancers, students, and guests.



**MASKS:** Everyone must wear a mask or facial covering at all times. That means teachers, students and parents. For toddlers enrolled in Mommy & Me or Little Tykes classes, face coverings will not be enforced but strongly encouraged.



**PARENT DROP OFF:** The entrance doors (Front & Studio A) will remain LOCKED at all times. Teachers will welcome dancers inside no sooner than 10 MINS before their class start time and go to their assigned waiting area.

All students (**Ages 5+**) enrolled in KIDS, STAR BRIGHT, JUNIOR and TEEN/ADULT class levels **MUST** be dropped off. Parents will not be permitted in the building but can wait or view the class from outside by the EXIT Door. Only one parent of each LITTLE TYKES or KIDS dancer (**Ages 2-4**) will be allowed into the building as an escort (if necessary) but then shall leave and wait outside. Students need to enter the building wearing a MASK and the appropriate dance attire with shoes for the performing dance style & bring only a water bottle.



**HAND SANITIZER:** Everyone must sanitize their hands before entering the building. All students will sanitize their hands before leaving the classroom.



**TEMP CHECKS** All students will have their temperature checked, using a non-contact infrared thermometer. Anyone with a temperature over 100.5 degrees Fahrenheit must leave immediately.



**SOCIAL DISTANCE** All waiting areas and dance rooms will be marked to assist students in maintaining appropriate social distancing. When a student enters the building they must go directly to the designated waiting area for their classroom (Studio A, B, C) The CDC guidelines are recommending social distancing – at least 6 feet - to the best of our ability. We will have daily conversations with our dancers about the importance of social distancing as well as hand hygiene. We recognize that this might be difficult for our dancers, but we will enforce this to the best of our ability.



**PARENT PICKUP** Classes will end 5-10 minutes early. Parents should arrive 10 - 15 minutes early to ensure students are picked up as soon as class ends. Traffic flows have been redirected. The students should be picked up at the designated EXIT door leading outside. **Studio A:** Studio A exterior door - **Studio B:** Back ally door - **Studio C:** Dance Closet's Ft. door



**ADVANCED CLEANING** Staff will sanitize dance rooms between each class, including high touch areas. Studios will be deep cleaned daily.

## **Important Acceptance**

- If you are feeling sick in any way, you **MUST** stay home.
- COVID-19 is a highly contagious disease that is spread via droplets to the nose, mouth and eyes. Close proximity to other people, raises your risk for exposure. Choosing to attend classes at Dance Depot during this time assumes your understanding and acceptance of these risks.
- If you or your dancer does test positive for COVID-19 and has been within the Dance Depot building, you must inform Dance Depot staff immediately so we can begin emergency cleaning measures and connect with the CDC on guidelines.