

COVID-19 Guidelines for Students

We are serious about getting back to work. We need it. Our community needs it. We need each other.

That being said, safety and health is a priority. We must adapt to the new world we are living in. Thus, the following changes, new policies and procedures are in place to make our return a successful one. Please be patient as we continue to navigate our way to a new normal.

Welcome back!

I. COVID-19 Prevention Policies:

To address to myriad of concerns from everyone in our community, these rules will be in place until further notice:

- **Masks Required for entry.** You MUST be wearing a face covering/mask to enter the premises. Face coverings must be worn (covering the nose and mouth) at all times. This includes when dancing. Exceptions are given only if all persons in a class are fully vaccinated (see below for more information). Masks must be kept dry. Wet masks must be replaced with a clean, dry mask.
- **Vaccination Protocols & Mask Exemption Eligibility.** Being fully vaccinated by an FDA approved vaccine, for at least 2 weeks, may provide you the opportunity to dance without a mask. This is possible only if all persons in a class are fully vaccinated AND there is unanimous consent that masks can come off, even from those who wish to keep their mask on. Do not assume that because you are vaccinated that you are permitted to remove your mask. You must receive permission to do so and you must complete the [vaccination survey](#) to be eligible for this consideration.
- **No Walk Ons.** Until further notice, all customers will have to [pre-register to attend a class](#). Walk-on students will not be permitted. This includes parents and all those accompanying a patron.
- **PPE available on site.** While customers are required to bring their own face coverings, we can provide them in case a face covering breaks or is otherwise ineffective.
- **Occupancy:** Limits to class capacity are being rolled back gradually at a rate of one student per week until we no longer have the need for limits. This will allow students to re-acclimate while we train staff and coordinate our efforts with security and building management.
- **Expanded Waiting Area.** Studio C and D are now waiting areas for students.
- **New Egress/Traffic Flow (See Page 3).** During times when Studio C and D are allocated as common area space, people will enter studio A or B through one door and exit through the other. These doors will be marked accordingly. This will prevent crowding and close contact. Additionally, rooms will be marked off to provide safe distancing measures. See diagram below. Students cannot arrive more than 15 minutes prior to class and must vacate no more than 15 minutes after their class is done.
- **Teacher Discretion.** Teachers have the right to enforce mask wearing, social distancing and other prevention methods.
- **Fresh Air Ventilation System.** Our HVAC system brings in fresh air to the studio at all times (while also keeping us cool). They are fitted with MERV 13 filters – currently recommended for the prevention of COVID-19. Open windows and fans pushing potential viral loads into the ventilation system are also implemented.
- **Stay positive – stay informed.** Vetted information will be available on site to ease concerns and raise awareness.
- **PPE and other cleaning supplies still available upon request.**

II. Additional Safety Protocols

- **Hand sanitizer** (over 70% isopropyl alcohol) is available on the ground level and throughout the premises. Washing your hands for 20 seconds is the best method of prevention.
- **Briefings** are given to staff to update them on methods of preventions as well as the virus itself.
- **Staircase Access** is available for entry and exit.
- Our desk staff will be wearing face coverings.
- **Allowance of daylight** throughout the space – UV rays are effective against the virus.
- **Student Agreements.** These are required of every student entering the premises to ensure compliance with safety measures and to acknowledge you are assuming your own risk.
- **Quarantine Rules.** You must still report if you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 (or close to it). If you report symptoms of any kind of sickness, or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 (and you have not been vaccinated), you will be restricted from entry to our premises for 14 days (in order to quarantine) OR for 10 days with 2 negative COVID-19 tests. In this case, late fees for missed classes will be waived and your membership or class card would be suspended until you are able to return.

III. Studio Upgrades & New Initiatives

We are making an investment in our space to ensure our success and the absolute best experience for you and our students. It will be a NEW PMT.

- **Live Streaming.** Each studio will be fitted with large flat screen TVs, microphones, video cameras for live streaming, Zoom accounts and equipment to connect it all. Students will be able to take online classes and/or in person classes.
- **Improved lighting.** We are adding dimmers and colored lights to each studio. Due to COVID, this work may be del
- **More mirrors.** This is to allow better spacing between students and expand the usable size of the rooms.
- **Upgraded our Media Department.** We now have the capability to edit and create well produced reels, videos and other media in house.

Our staff has been trained to attend to your needs in this moment. Please ask us if you need any assistance, additional cleaning of areas or something else to make you feel safe.

Please be sure to create a safe environment. We want to keep our staff (and each other) safe. Help us do that and we can remain open!