

## **Dance Etc Studio Safety Guidelines**

The following are the steps we will be taking and guidelines we would like you to follow all Dance Etc classes. Please go through all of these steps and share them with your children so they understand.

- 1 We ask that parents of dancers Kindergarten and up drop students off at the front door and do not wait in the lobby. This does not apply to Pre-Ballet and Beginner level students. For dancers of that age, one parent or guardian may wait in the lobby but we ask that you please wear a mask and social distance. We will have limited chairs in the lobby.
- 2 When it is time to pick your dancer up they will be exiting through the door at the end of the hallway toward the parking lot. If you have a younger dancer 3rd grade or under we ask that you come into the lobby to pick them up at their dismissal time. We just ask that you wear a mask when entering the building to pick them up, don't stay the whole class time and please social distance while waiting for their dismissal and to please exit through the door at the end of the hall as others will be entering through the front doors and we are trying to control traffic flow and numbers in the building.
- 3 We ask that dancers wear a mask when entering or exiting the studio. We will not ask dancers to wear a mask while dancing. We have sought medical advice and we are afraid it would be more harmful than helpful due to lack of oxygen while dancing. We feel they will be adequately spaced apart and they will be dancing in their own space. Spaces will be marked on the floor to help with social distancing in class. We will not be doing any choreography that would have the dancers be close together or touching and we will not be lining up and going across the floor as we usually do. For the most part each age group of dancers will stay in the same studio for their classes. Teachers will rotate instead of students to keep down traffic and to have dancers be exposed to as few people as possible. Please note that dancers in 4th grade and above Ballet classes will be asked to wear their mask when working at the barre because of a closer proximity to other dancers. This part of the class is typically 10 to 15 minutes. Also for Beginner level dancers who require help with shoe changes, the dancer and teacher or assistant who is helping change their shoes must wear a mask at that time while in close proximity.
- 4 Dancers will enter the building through the front door. If more than one dancer is waiting please space yourselves 6ft apart on the sidewalk while waiting. Dancers temps will be taken as they enter the building with a no touch thermometer. They will then be directed to use our touch free hand sanitizer before entering their classroom. We ask that dancers please not enter the Studio until the door has been opened and an attendant is there to take their temp.

- 5 Dancers should bring a small bag with their dance shoes and a bottle of water (water fountains will obviously be closed). Once in the Studio they will change into their dance shoes. Each dancers bag should be lined up along the back or side of the studio away from other dancers bags. We will have places marked on the floor for bags.
- 6 Please remind dancers they can not hug each other or instructors and although we will be reminding them about social distancing from their friends in class we ask that you please discuss this with them and reiterate the importance. Believe me we know this is a tough one :(
- 7 Please ask dancers to use the rest room before they come and remind them if they have to use it to please wash their hands WELL. For Pre-Ballet and Beginner Students we will let the parent take them to the rest room to make sure they properly wash hands. We will sanitize the restrooms after each day of class but the less use the better.
- 8 After Class dancers will change their shoes and be dismissed and exit one at a time and be asked to use hand sanitizer on the way out. For those under 4th grade, one parent or guardian should be waiting in the lobby at the time of dismissal. You will go out the door at the end of the hallway, which will be propped, as there may be dancers lined up outside down the front sidewalk to enter for the next class.
- 9 If a dancer has a break between classes they will need to be picked up and wait outside with a parent and can re-enter the building at the time of their next class. The lobby, lounge and vending machines will be closed to dancers until further notice.
- 10 The Office and Dance Shoppe WILL be open. Parents may go in the office to purchase shoes or dance wear or to make class payments. But you MUST wear a mask and we ask that you please social distance.

#### IMPORTANT!!!!

Please be sure you read carefully our COVID-19 Protocol chart to direct you on what to do if your dancer is exposed to or tests positive for the virus. We think having this plan will allow for things to run much smoother in the event this happens. Also please sign and return the COVID-19 waiver form. We will need this on file for your dancer before they can continue with classes.

We look forward to seeing all of our dancers. We know they need this physical activity and socialization as we all do. We will do our best to provide a safe and fun environment. Please let us know if you have any questions at any time.

Sincerely, DE Staff

