



RE-OPENING PLANS & PROCEDURES

We ask that all parents and dancers please carefully read our policies and procedures for re-opening the studios. Please go over these details as a family so that we are all on the “same page” with how returning to the studio will be. We do want their return to dance to be familiar, safe and as positive as it always has been – and we are confident that it will be! We must all work together to ensure that this transition is smooth, safe and effective.

RE-OPENING PROTOCOLS

SOCIAL DISTANCING

1. The facilities have been marked both in the studio and lobby areas to remind everyone to observe recommended social distancing.
2. New signage has been hung throughout the building.
3. Dance floors are marked with a 10’ grid for each dancer to have their own space.
4. We will keep all dancers and guest in the lobby areas with 6’ spacing.
5. Mass Motion Dance has filled out and met all MA Covid-19 control plans and a copy will be posted at each location.

ENTERING AND IN-CLASSROOM PROCEDURES

1. All students will be dropped off and picked up from the parking lot.
2. Tiny tots can be accompanied by 1 adult inside the studio, but that adult must exit the building once class has started.
3. All lobbies are closed until further notice.
4. One adult will be accepting students and will sanitize all hands as they arrive.
5. Mask & Face Coverings: All dancers, teachers and staff are required to wear masks at all times when inside the buildings. Parents should wear masks during drop-off and pick-up.
6. Each student will remove street shoes and place them on an x that is spaced in the lobby. Street shoes are not permitted inside the studio.
7. Each dancer will find a chair in their studio. Chairs are placed around the perimeter of the studio 10 feet apart. Dance bag will be placed under a chair that is assigned to them in the dance room. Dancers will also wait at that chair while others arrive, until it is time for class to start. This will also allow no cross contamination and the teachers will be able to disinfect chair areas between each class.
8. Our floors are taped in 10x10 ft areas leaving a blank square between each dancer as class sizes are limited to each room’s specific capacity. There is a taped off teacher area up front where students are not permitted and one by our desk, so that teachers can breathe, direct, drink water, change music, etc., without students within 10 ft. (and possibly pull off mask for a second to catch their breath).
9. Center floor work: each student will stretch and do center work in the middle (marked with colored tape) of each gridded square.

10. Across the floor: each dancer will report to their chair and go across the floor when called. Teachers will know to randomly stagger those who are called, so no one follows another and possibly breathes in their exhaled droplets.
11. Changing dance shoes: Dancers will return to chairs to change shoes and teachers (required to wear masks throughout the class) will assist young dancers while changing their shoes, if they need help. After each shoe change everyone gets hand sanitizer again.
12. Bathroom: there is sanitizer outside of restroom. After each use we will ask if they washed hands. Dancer will also have them re-apply sanitizer. The toilet and sink will be sprayed with disinfectant after each use. We have added new wall dispensers with hospital-grade antibacterial soap in each bathroom. No more free-standing soap bottles.
13. At the end of each class (we will dismiss 5 minutes early) dancers will put on masks and be brought to the lobby to retrieve street shoes. They are then to stand on the taped x where shoes were until they are picked up.
14. New students arriving are met by teacher in lobby and they enter the doors marked enter and they follow same protocol.
15. **No cell phones will be allowed.** If a parent must send child to class with a cell phone in their bag, it must be in a sealed ziploc. Parents can call the studio if they need to get a message to their dancer.
16. Faculty and Staff are responsible for maintaining social distancing among dancers, faculty, staff, and parents.
17. Parents are asked to utilize email for communication.

HYGIENE & ILLNESS PROTOCOLS

1. If a student looks or feels unwell, we have laser thermometers on hand to check temperatures. If a child is feeling unwell for ANY reason, parents will be called and the child will be kept in a separate area until they are picked up.
2. Parents should keep any child home if they are sick, have or have had fever in last 48 hours, or if anyone in the home is sick etc. We will send anyone home who doesn't feel well. If there is ANY chance that a child has come in contact with anyone with COVID-19, they should not return to the studio for a minimum of 14 days.
3. We are still offering all classes virtually. If a student feels unwell, or is uncomfortable coming in to the studio for any reason, they can always do class from home at any time.
4. Normally, we urge for the best attendance possible. During this time, dancers and parents should be over-sensitive to a student not feeling perfect. Dancers should stay home if they are even slightly "off".
5. Dancers will be required to use hand sanitizer when entering the building, between classes, when they have used the bathroom and if they are noticed touching their face.
6. Dancers should wash all dance clothes between each use.
7. Dancers should bring their own water bottle. We will not sell water bottles during this time.
8. No food should be brought into the studio.

STUDIO SANITATION

1. We use only EPA approved disinfectants. The floor is sanitized between each group with Simple Green Disinfectant.
2. The studio was thoroughly cleaned and sanitized prior to our re-opening.
3. Between each class: all bars, chairs, under chairs are wiped down or sprayed with disinfectant. Floors under chairs are swiffered. The bathroom sink and potty is re-sprayed. The teacher in the lobby at the exit doors for dismissal, wipe's door handles, door knobs, and common areas.
4. At the end of each night, the teachers will wipe down all surfaces: door knobs, door handles, bars, desk, etc. and re-spray the bathrooms. Each night the lobbies and common areas will be carefully cleaned by the front desk staff.
5. The filters in all of our HVAC units have been replaced and upgraded.
6. We have also purchased air purifiers with UV lights that stay on the floor and clean air continuously.