

# DANCE INSPIRATION

## SAFE RETURN TO DANCE – POLICIES & PROCEDURES

**HAND SANITIZER** – Everyone is asked to use the hand sanitizer on the front table upon entering the lobby. Students will be asked to re-sanitize as they enter & exit the classrooms. The studio has new automatic hand sanitizing dispensers located in the front lobby, at the entrance of each class room, and inside each class room.

### **LOBBY** –

- The chairs in the lobby have been spaced apart to help with social distancing. Please do NOT move chairs in any way from their positions. Everyone will be asked to sit in a chair while waiting in the lobby. Parents of young dancers, please have your dancer sit in your lap or stand/sit on the floor next to you until they enter class. If all chairs are occupied please use a social distancing ‘spot’ marked on the floor for dance bag and waiting.
- Parents of dancers ages 7 and under are allowed and encouraged to accompany their student into the studio to help prepare for class. You may also wait in the lobby during class. We ask only one adult accompany the student. Please refrain from bringing additional siblings or family members. (Please follow instructions above while waiting in the lobby area.)
- Parents of dancers ages 7+ are allowed to enter the studio, but we ask that you limit your time in the lobby as much as possible to help allow for social distancing and minimal numbers in the lobby. Please choose either the beginning, middle, or end of class to view, and the remaining time wait in your car or at home.

**ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL** – *Students should not enter the building earlier than 5 min before the start of their class.* Students should be picked up promptly at the end of each class. If a student has a break in between classes they are allowed to wait in the lobby, but must remain in a chair or on a social distancing marker.

### **DANCE ROOMS** –

- The dance floors have been marked for social distancing. We will be using colored markers to help maintain 6 ft distance as much as possible.
- When moving across the floor, dancers will do so in an assembly line fashion, waiting on social distancing markers and progressing forward to take their turn.
- When using the ballet barres, dancers will have a personal ‘barre wrap’ to place their hand on while practicing. Wraps will be washed/sanitized after each use.
- No sharing of props in our preschool classes. Each student will have their own ‘prop bag’ with items designated for their use only.

**MASKS** – Masks are currently required to be worn in Douglas County by anyone ages 5+ in indoor spaces. The mandate states you are allowed to remove your face covering when you are engaged in exercise, and can maintain 6 ft distance. Dance Inspiration will be requiring masks to be worn by everyone ages 5+ when entering/exiting the building, waiting in the lobby, and during class when movement does not allow for 6 ft distancing (improv, across the floor, etc). Dancers will be allowed to remove their mask in class when social distancing can be maintained (warm up, static center practicing, etc). We will continue to follow the current DHM mandates for Douglas county, and will send updates as needed regarding this requirement.

**WATER BOTTLES** – The drinking fountain has been disabled. Dancers are allowed & encourage to bring a water bottle from home. Bottles must be labeled with the dancer's name and contain water only – no juice, sports drinks, or soft drinks allowed.

### **MISCELLANEOUS STUDIO UPDATES –**

- New 'touchless' soap dispensers have been installed in both restrooms, as well automatic hand sanitizers set up throughout the building.
- The community toys in the lobby play area have been removed.
- Limited enrollment for our younger/beginner classes to help with social distancing, as this age group is sometimes hard to reign in. We based size limits upon age and typical class room activities. The smaller classes will also allow for space in the lobby for a loved one to wait/watch their little ones during class.
- Barre Wraps – This will prevent multiple hands touching multiple spots on the barre during classes. The cloths will be used once and then cleaned/sanitized before re-use.
- A full deep cleaning of the studio will be done daily.

***Dance Inspiration will be continually reassessing our safety measures and adjusting as needed throughout the season. Any changes made will be fully communicated.***