

# The Dancer's Studio Safety Protocols

1. Students, faculty, staff and families should stay at home when they are sick. All should stay home until free of fever for at least 72 hours without fever reducing medication.
2. Students or staff who complain of not feeling well, or who are showing symptoms of respiratory infection will be sent home. Emergency contact information must be updated and clearly attached to each child's dance bag. This will ensure that dancers can be picked up in a timely fashion.
3. For the time being The Dancer's Studio will no longer provide for the sale of water or snacks. Each student should bring their own labeled water bottle to class. There will be no sharing of drinks and no food allowed in the building until further notice.
4. Students should arrive for class in appropriate dance attire as bathrooms will not be used as changing rooms. Masks will be required to enter the building. Students will be asked to sanitize their hands at the wall dispenser before entering the waiting area, where staff will take their temperature. They will remove their coats and street shoes and place them in designated spaces (the cubbies and counter tops will not be used). They will be directed to bring their dance bags into the classroom to put on their dance shoes. *Street shoes including sneakers will not be allowed on the classroom floors. Your child must have a dedicated pair of sneakers for hip hop class. Please do not put your child's shoes on outdoors or in the waiting area.*
5. Water breaks will be taken inside each classroom to reduce the number of students in the waiting area, and bathroom breaks will be kept to a minimum.
6. We will restrict the number of non-dancers in the waiting area. Dancers should be dropped off with their dance bag, all necessary shoes, and a filled water bottle displaying their full name. Dancers ages 6 and under may have one healthy parent wait for them in the waiting area during class time, but they must be wearing a mask and practice social distancing. As we have been directed to keep our waiting area closed there will be no seating.
7. Our classrooms have been reworked to minimize mingling with the recommended 6 feet between students and their dance spaces.
8. Most classroom activities have been adapted to minimize very close contact among students and teachers. Dancers and parents please be advised that hugs, high fives and any other close physical contact will be prohibited between faculty, staff and dancers where possible.
9. Dancers must wash/sanitize their hands before and after class and after sneezing or coughing.
10. We are trying to modify our restrooms to include touchless soap dispensers and hand dryers. Since some of this equipment is difficult to obtain we are asking that all dancers carry their own sanitizer/hand soap.
11. All faculty and staff will wear protective masks/shields as recommended by our state and local governments. Students and parents will be asked to comply with any recommendations of our public health department. We are fully aware of the controversies surrounding the wearing of masks. Students may wear them during class if they wish to, but will not be required to do so. Non dancers in the waiting area will be asked to wear a mask and minimize mingling.
12. All classroom props, barres, furniture and other surfaces will be thoroughly sanitized before opening. The Dancer's Studio staff will continue to clean and sanitize public areas throughout each day.
13. All dancers participating in studio classes must have the The Dancer's Studio COVID-19 waiver of liability filled out and signed before returning to class.

**We will be requesting that all dancers bring the following to each of their classes:**

1. **Dance Bag with all necessary shoes. Their bag is to be clearly marked with ID tags on the outside of the bag where they are accessible. These tags must display parent/emergency contact information.**
2. **A reusable water bottle marked with the dancer's full name**
3. **Hand sanitizer and liquid hand soap**
4. **Face mask (will not be required to wear during class, but must have one available)**
5. **For students ages 7 and older a Yoga mat to facilitate floor work and stretching.**



**Thank you in advance for your cooperation**