

GONE DANCING

COVID-19 Safety Plan

After being closed for almost four months we are looking forward to being back in the studio with all of our dancers doing what we love. In order to do so we must enforce new federal, state and local regulations.

Our plan is based on the New York State Department of Health's "Reopening New York, Sports and Recreation Guide," which can be viewed here: <https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoma/files/SportsAndRecreationSummaryGuidance.pdf>

DANCER ARRIVAL:

Only registered dancers will be permitted to enter the building. Dancers that have class in the back studio (Studio B) will enter through the back door, and dancers that have class in the front room (Studio A) will enter through the front door. Teachers and staff members will be present at the entrance to greet your child and welcome them into the studio. Classes will be scheduled 15 minutes apart to allow one class to be dismissed before another one arrives. Parents waiting to drop-off or pick-up their dancers must stand 6 feet apart.

Children will have their temperature taken using a contactless thermometer. If their temperature is below 100.4 they will be asked to remove their outside shoes, sanitize their hands, and walk to a spot on the floor to put on their shoes. (A staff member will be there to assist younger dancers). ***Parents*** If you or your child has experienced symptoms of COVID-19, been exposed to a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 or tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days please do not bring your child to class.

FACE MASKS FOR STAFF:

Face Masks will be worn at all times during arrival and dismissal.

FACE MASKS FOR DANCERS:

Since dance is an inherently aerobic form of exercise that often raises the heart rate, face masks are optional for dancers. According to the *Reopening New York, Sports and Recreation Guide*, we must "ensure 6 ft distance between individuals at all times, whether indoors or outdoors, unless safety or core activity (e.g. practicing, playing) requires a shorter distance. If shorter distance is required, individuals must wear face coverings, unless players [dancers] are unable to tolerate such a covering for the physical activity." We encourage dancers to wear masks while waiting to be checked in, and if they have to use the bathroom.

WAITING ROOM:

The waiting room will be closed at this time, and only registered dancers will be allowed to walk through the lobby if they need to use the restroom. The water fountain will be closed as well. Please send your dancer with a labeled water bottle in their dance bag.

CLASS SIZE:

Our classes and clinics will be limited to 10 dancers in order to keep your children 6 feet apart for center work and going across the floor. All partner work, as well as activities that allow dancers to move within close proximity of each other, will be suspended for now.

DISMISSAL:

Dancers will be dismissed by their instructor from the same door that they came in. Parents must stand 6 feet apart while picking up their dancers. Please be on time as we will not be able to let the next class enter until the entire class has been dismissed.

CLEANING AND SANITIZING:

Dance classes will be scheduled 15 minutes apart to allow staff members to clean each room before the next class begins. Please note that we will not be using barres or mats. Floors, mirrors and surfaces will be cleaned. Bathrooms will be sanitized in between each class as well, by a person other than the teachers and teaching assistants. If your dancer is coming for one class we encourage them to use the bathroom before they come to the studio.

VIRTUAL CLASSES:

We understand that each family has experienced this pandemic differently. For those families that are not ready to return to the studio yet we will offer our class schedule live on Zoom so that your dancer does not have to miss out.

We are so very excited to get back into the studio with your children and thank you in advance for your patience with our new rules and regulations!