

Gotta Dance

Covid 19 Policies and Procedures

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For our 2021/2022 dance education season, our Covid 19 Protocols and Procedures are as follows:

- ***Masks must be worn in the studio for dancers ages 4 – 18 regardless of vaccination status.***
- ***If a dancer is over 18 and dancing in a class with dancers under 18, they must wear a mask as well.***
- ***Staff members are required to wear masks in the studio spaces and while instructing classes with dancers under age 18.***
- ***Parents entering the studio must wear a mask regardless of vaccination status. Parents are encouraged to drop off dancers for classes and wait in their vehicles, but parents of dancers in morning classes and afternoon classes under age 7 may wait in the waiting area during their dancer's class(es).***
- ***Adults over age 18 taking Zumba and Line Dance classes who are vaccinated will have the option to wear a mask.***

While we are operating as a small business, we feel that we are education oriented and want to follow as closely as possible the Covid guidelines in place at our local public schools. We are not following any physical distancing requirements in our classes this year.

Hand sanitizer is available for use before and after class, staff will disinfect all equipment (props, mats, etc.), touch surfaces and entry points as needed before and/or after classes and the entire facility will continue to be deep-cleaned and sanitized once each week. The safety of our students, staff and their families are of our utmost importance.

We will be re-evaluating our Covid plan as needed and will notify families with updates.

Dancers should still consider bringing the following items to dance classes:

- Reusable water bottle (with full name written on the bottle)
- Dance bag tagged with the dancer's full name and emergency contact name and number
- Personal hand sanitizer

Drop off & pick up:

- Dancers are allowed to arrive early for class and wait in the waiting area for class to begin and may use the cubbies to store dance bags while in class.
- The waiting area will remain closed to anyone other than teachers and dancers during afternoon classes. Parents/Guardians of dancers in our morning classes and afternoon classes with dancers under age 7 may stay in the waiting area if wearing a mask.

- Parents/Guardians of older dancers are encouraged to wait in their cars in the parking lot or may leave after drop-off and return to pick up at the appropriate time.

During class:

- Dancers and staff members have the option to sanitize hands upon entry to the studio space.
- Only one dancer at a time will be permitted to go to the restroom.

Health Screening:

- Parents are expected to screen their own dancers for Covid 19 or other transmissible disease symptoms.
- Anyone with a cough, difficulty breathing, head lice or fever greater than 100 should NOT come to class.
- Dancers and staff members who have been in contact with a person who has tested positive for Covid 19 **and is asymptomatic** may still attend classes and dancers/parents should consult with their school for testing options. If a dancer or staff member **is feeling Covid 19 symptoms**, they should quarantine for 10 days and not come to classes or get tested on the 5th day of when they thought they may have been exposed and if the test is negative, they can return the following day to their classes.

Protecting our students and staff:

- HVAC will be turned on in each studio to assist with air circulation. An air purifier has been installed in Studio A.
- The entire facility will continue to be deep-cleaned and sanitized once each week.
- Staff will disinfect all equipment (props, mats, etc.), touch surfaces and entry points as needed before and/or after classes.

When to stay at home:

- If a dancer or staff member tests positive for Covid 19, they must remain out of the studio for a minimum of 10 days, been fever free for 24 hours (without taking fever-reducing medications like Ibuprofen, Advil or Tylenol); and experienced improvement in other symptoms (for example, their cough has improved); and received clearance from public health authority contact tracers (the local Board of Health). *Repeat testing documentation prior to return to the studio is not needed.*
- If a dancer or staff is identified as a close contact, they must quarantine at home and not return to the studio for a minimum of 5 days regardless of their test result as long as the dancer has not had or develops Covid 19 symptoms.
- Anyone with a dancer or family member that feels ill or has a fever.
- Anyone that has been exposed to someone that has tested positive for Covid 19 and is symptomatic.
- Anyone uncomfortable with sending their child to the studio for any reason.