Gotta Dance
Covid 19 Policies and Procedures
(Updated 5/11/2022)

As of February 28, 2022, our Covid 19 Policies and Procedures are as follows:

- *Masks are OPTIONAL for all dancers and family members.*
- *Any individual who wishes to continue to mask, including those who themselves or family members face higher risk from COVID-19, will be supported in that choice.*
- *We highly recommend masking for unvaccinated dancers and family members who come into the studio.*

Effective February 28, 2022, the MA statewide mask requirement for schools and childcare providers as outlined by the DESE and EEC will be lifted. 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 policies and procedures in place at our local public schools which is the reason for this update.

- 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 policies and procedures as needed and will notify families with updates.

When to stay at home: *(*this section updated 5/12/2022)*

- *If a dancer or staff member test positive for Covid-19*, they quarantine at home and not return to the studio for a minimum of 5 days after symptom onset or after positive PCR or antigen test if asymptomatic. They can return to classes on the 6th day once they have been without fever for 24 hours (and without taking fever-reducing medications); and experienced improvement in other symptoms. Following the 5-day isolation period, individuals must mask for 5 additional days when around others. *Repeat testing documentation prior to return to the studio is not needed.*
- *If a dancer or staff is identified as a close contact* and they are vaccinated and showing no symptoms they can continue to come to class but they have to wear a mask for 10 days. They should test at home to confirm they have a negative test result on the 5th day. If they are unvaccinated or not able to be vaccinated, even if they are showing no symptoms, it is recommended they stay home for 5 days and can return on the 6th day and must mask for an additional 5 days.

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.

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.