



COVID -19 Handbook Addendum

Because of the COVID 19 pandemic we have adjusted some of our procedures to provide the safest possible environment for our families.

When you arrive for class

All staff will do a health screening upon his/her arrival and be cleared to work.

Everyone over the age of 2 years old who enters the building must wear a mask that covers both the nose and mouth. If a person does not have a mask the studio will provide a disposable mask for his/her use.

When students arrive at the studio, he/she will be screened by a staff member in the lobby. Screening involves answering a questionnaire about recent health and having his/her temperature taken using a contact free thermometer. Students ages 13 and older may complete their own questionnaire. For students under 13 years old we ask that a parent complete the questionnaire. If a parent of a student is not present in the lobby then a staff member will ask the student questions to complete the questionnaire.

All students and staff will need to sanitize their hands (either using hand sanitizer or by washing hands with soap in a sink) at both the beginning and end of each class.

Controlling the number of people in the studio at any given time

We ask that the number of people accompanying students to the studio be kept to as few people inside the building as possible. Anyone who remains in the building must also pass a health screening and no one will be allowed to congregate in the front lobby of the building.

We have attempted to schedule classes in a way that has allowed for as few students in the building at once as possible. When possible, we will not have more than two rooms in use at the same time and starting and ending times have been staggered to minimize hallway traffic.

Performances

We are not planning on doing a large winter showcase in December of this year at the MPPS Performing Arts Center auditorium. We may do multiple small, in-studio showcases with our younger classes. Our older "choreography centered" groups will be creating recorded dance videos that they will be able to keep and share.

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Other precautions

Staff will regularly sanitize frequent touch points in the studio such as door handles and sink knobs.

Dance rooms will be sanitized following each class. Students in intermediate and advanced level classes will assist in the sanitizing of rooms at the end of each class session. Dancing in the class will end with enough time before the scheduled ending time for the room to be sanitized and for students to sanitize their hands so that the next class can begin on time.

Our company kids, for now, will not be able to use the “Company Room” as a hang out. The maximum capacity for that room will be two people at a time and it should only be used as a changing space. Students should store their stuff in a space somewhere around the yellow waiting areas. Dancers’ belongings should be secure since we should have few if any people in those spaces during classes.

Dancing in a group is not a solitary, isolated activity. When it is practical, students will be kept at a distance that is safe.

Fans will be run in the dance rooms to prevent the concentration of the airborne droplets released when all of us exhale.

What if Governor Whitmer changes what phase our region is in?

Our ability to hold classes inside the dance studio is dependent upon what phase the state is in. If we are not allowed to teach classes inside, we will provide classes in whatever manner we possibly can do so. This might include holding outdoor classes and/or teaching classes in some combination of online group classes, online private classes, and pre-recorded classes. Such changes could necessitate alternative meeting dates and times.

Refunds for classes will not be given. We have restructured our payment plan to allow for four payments instead of two payments. If a student no longer wishes to take a class because of a schedule or format change arising from an Executive Order by the Governor we will drop a student from the class enrollment and will credit that family’s account with an amount equivalent to any unused tuition payments.