



Hello Dance Connection families! I am excited to announce our three-phase reopening plan to bring class instruction back into the studio! We will begin Phase I on Monday, June 15, 2020.

As we begin to open things back up, our top priority is the health and safety of our students, families, and staff. As such, we have new policies in place that I have detailed below.

NEW POLICIES AND REOPENING DETAILS

- **NEW WAIVER/RELEASE (attached) must be turned in before a student can attend in-studio class.**
 - You can scan and email the signed document to info@dance-connection.com (preferable) or bring signed document to your first in-person class.
- **NO ONE in our lobby** but teachers and students! This the only way we can keep our building at a low capacity and practice recommended social distancing per CDC guidelines.
 - If you feel that you must accompany your child into the studio, **ONLY ONE PARENT/GUARDIAN** will be allowed per student. No siblings.
- **DROP-OFF and PICK-UP** – Staff and volunteers will assist students in and out of cars and into the building. See attached “Drop-Off_Pick-Up details”.
- **DANCE SHOES** and belongings – We want to reduce the amount of personal belongings entering the studio.
 - Please bring necessary items in DISPOSABLE plastic bags ONLY with student’s name on the bag. Necessary items would include shoes, phone, ID, keys, water bottle. NO FOOD or excess clothing.
 - Students should only bring the dance shoes required for that night of classes – No extra shoes.
 - There will be no changing clothes in the restrooms. If you have ballet and other classes, please plan on wearing ballet attire for the entire night of classes. You can bring a pair of shorts or leggings to wear over your ballet tights for your non-ballet classes.
- **FACE MASKS** will be required for instructors and staff. Student face masks are optional. It is not recommended that face masks be worn while exercising.
- **TEMPERATURE CHECKS** will be required for all instructors, staff, and students prior to entering the studio. We will provide hand sanitizer for everyone entering studio.
 - CDC considers a person to have a fever when he or she has a measured temperature of 100.4° F (38° C) or greater.
- **SOCIAL DISTANCING** will be practiced inside the classrooms. Marks have been added on the floor and ballet barre six (6) feet apart. Students should not hold hands or touch. Instructors will not approach students and no props will be used in class until further notice.
- **CLEANING and DISINFECTING** will be conducted by instructors in each classroom between classes. Instructors will also wash hands prior to starting each class. We suggest that students and parents use hand sanitizer upon leaving the studio as well. See attached “Cleaning and Safety Plan” for more detail.

- **STUDENTS WITH MULTIPLE CLASSES** on a single night may wait in the lobby for their next class to begin.
 - Lobby chairs will be marked to maintain the six (6) foot guideline for social distancing between chairs.
 - Students waiting on a class are required to stay in the chair and are not to touch or congregate outside of the 6 ft requirement.
- **RESTROOMS** will be limited to one person at a time to allow for social distancing.
- **CLASS TIMES HAVE BEEN SHORTENED BY 15 MINUTES.**
 - This will allow for studio cleaning between classes and for the safe movement of students in and out of the studio.
 - Class start times have been staggered to make the class transitions more manageable.
- **WE WILL REOPEN USING OUR CURRENT CLASS OFFERINGS AND CLASS PLACEMENTS THAT WERE IN PLACE ON MARCH 15TH WHEN WE CLOSED FOR COVID-19.**
 - This will allow us the ability to refine and complete recital dances. I hope to have more information on how recital will take place in the next couple of weeks.
 - For the reopening phased schedule, a few classes had to be split or moved to a different class day or time to accommodate social distancing requirements.
 - New season schedule and start date for our new season is under consideration.
 - K-12 school re-openings and other factors are being closely monitored.

DANCE CONNECTION PHASED REOPENING DETAILS

We expect to be fully operational and able to offer all classes for in-person instruction in July. Based on this schedule we will return to our normal tuition fees for the month of July. Tuition fees will be processed through your accounts on July 1, 2020.

NOTE: *Classes not included in the current phase of reopening will continue to be conducted virtually using the current Zoom schedule.*

MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2020 – PHASE I

PHASE 1 - Includes Class Levels II, III, IV, Adult Tap. Zoom Live classes will CONTINUE, from the classroom, for those that do not wish to attend in-person. Zoom from the classroom will be offered until further notice.

- On the attached schedule, Phase I classes are color coded in **GREEN**
- Lyrical/Modern II/III will be split into two classes due to number of students and studio space availability.
 - An email will be sent to these classes to detail the students in each class.
- Both Adult Tap classes have been moved to Tuesday because of studio availability.
 - The Adult classes did remain at their normal class duration of 1 hour.
- Group dances can be rehearsed if they adhere to the social distancing guidelines.
- We expect recital choreography, if not completed, to be finished as soon as possible.
- Formations for recital choreography can be completed and practiced beginning July 6, 2020.

MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2020 – PHASE II

PHASE II - Adds Class Levels IA, IB, IC. Zoom Live classes will CONTINUE, from the classroom, for those that do not wish to attend in-person. Zoom from the classroom will be offered until further notice.

- On the attached schedule, Phase II classes are color coded in **BLUE**.
- Group dances can be rehearsed if they adhere to the social distancing guidelines.
- We expect recital choreography, if not completed, to be finished as soon as possible.
- Formations for recital choreography can be completed and practiced beginning July 6, 2020.

MONDAY, JULY 6, 2020 – PHASE III

PHASE III- Adds Lil Steppers, Next Step, Combo, Combo+. Zoom Live classes will CONTINUE, from the classroom, for those that do not wish to attend in-person. Zoom from the classroom will be offered until further notice.

On the attached schedule, Phase III classes are color coded in **PINK**.

- Wednesday Lil Steppers and Next Step class were moved to Thursday due to studio availability.
- Group dances can be rehearsed if they adhere to the social distancing guidelines.
- We expect recital choreography, if not completed, to be finished as soon as possible.
- Formations for recital choreography can be completed and practiced beginning July 6, 2020.

We will continue with these policies and practices until mid-July. At that time, we will re-evaluate the situation and recommendations of the CDC and government officials. If determined to be safe, we may begin to relax our lobby policy. We will notify you of any modifications.

Thank you for your continued support, understanding, and cooperation as we navigate through our reopening process. We are looking forward to getting back in the studio. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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