

Dance Connection

COVID-19 Policies as of July 4, 2021

SELF MONITORING HEALTH CHECKS & STUDIO CLEANING PROCEDURES

- All staff and students are expected to perform self-health checks prior to arrival at the studio.
- Do not come to the studio if you, or a member of your household, have a fever or respiratory symptoms, have been advised to quarantine, or have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days. This includes symptoms such as headache, stomachache, running nose etc... even if you suspect allergies please err on the side of caution and stay home!
- If a staff member feels a student is exhibiting illness symptoms, your student will be sent to the office, and you will be notified to pick your student up immediately.
- Should your student or any member of your family test positive for COVID-19, please contact the office immediately so we can conduct appropriate notifications and contact tracing.
- Dance Connection staff will sanitize all Ballet Barre and classrooms between classes.
- All lobby and restroom surfaces will be sanitized daily.

MASKS

- Masks will be required for all staff and students while in the lobby, restrooms, or common areas of the studio.
- Students ages 12+, **who are fully vaccinated**, are permitted to remove their mask once they enter their classroom but should continue to maintain social distancing.
 - If you prefer your fully vaccinated student to wear a mask at all times, please contact the office so we can ensure the instructor is aware and can make sure your student is masked at all times.
 - Fully vaccinated means 2 weeks post 2nd shot for Moderna, or Pfizer vaccine and 2 weeks post shot for J&J vaccine.
 - Students in the age group 12+, **who are NOT fully vaccinated are required to wear a mask at all times.** These students are not allowed to remove their mask in the classroom.
- Students ages 3 – 11 are required to wear a mask while inside the Dance Connection studio. These students will not be allowed to remove masks while inside the facility.
 - We will continue to monitor vaccine availability for this age group and update this policy as appropriate.
- Dance Connection staff is confirmed to be fully vaccinated. Staff members are permitted to remove their mask during classroom instruction but will be required to wear a mask while outside of the classroom.
 - While in the office with no students, staff will be permitted to remove their mask.
 - Any guest instructors will be required to provide proof of vaccination and/or wear a mask while providing instruction at our studio.
- Dance Connection staff reserves the right to require a mask during classroom instruction should we feel the instruction does not allow appropriate social distancing measures. Please ensure your student always has a mask with them!
- Lil Stepper class requires one parent or guardian to attend class with the student.
 - Parent/guardians will be required to wear a mask regardless of vaccine status due to the fact these little dancers are not able to mask up.

LOBBY

- Our lobby will remain closed to the public at this time. Only staff and students will be allowed in the lobby, restrooms, or common areas.
- Students with multiple classes are permitted to remain inside the studio between class times.
 - These students can utilize the Homework Room if there is a break between their classes.
 - No food is allowed in the Homework Room.
 - Please note that mask rules apply for the Homework Room. Additionally, the office will monitor the number of students in the room. Should staff feel that too many students are in the Homework Room, we reserve the right to move the students to the lobby area to ensure proper social distancing.
- We will continue to monitor things and hope to update our lobby policy in the fall.
- The lobby chairs and surfaces will be sanitized at the end of each night.
- Restrooms will be cleaned and sanitized daily.

DANCER DROP OFF PROCEDURES

- There is to be no parking in the spots that are located at the front of our building that houses our front entrance. Please park in the spots that are opposite our front door entrance.
- Parents of students ages 6 or under are asked to park in the parking spots opposite Dance Connection's front door and escort your student to the door to enter the studio.
 - Once your student is safely inside the studio, please return to your car and wait for your student's class end time.
- Parents of students over the age of 6 can enter our complex using the south entrance, pull up to the front door and drop your student off for class. You may also park in the spots opposite our front door and escort or monitor your student as they enter the studio safely.
 - Please be mindful of parents and students in the parking lot and observe safe and slow driving.
- **Dancers may enter the building 5-10 minutes prior to the start of class.** Please do not drop your student off any earlier than 10 minutes before their class without prior arrangements with the office.
 - New students or students taking a free trial class may enter the building up to 15 minutes prior to the start of class but must check-in at the office for their tour and information session.
- Upon entering the studio, we ask dancers to sanitize their hands and sit in a chair marked with a blue tape mark or stand on a blue X marked on the floor until their instructor calls their class to enter the classroom.

DANCER PICK UP PROCEDURES

- Classes in Studio I & Studio II will continue to dismiss students out the front door.
 - Parents of students ages 6 and under should be waiting on the sidewalk outside the front door to safely escort your student back to your car.
 - Parents of students over the age of 6 can enter our complex using the south entrance and pull up to the front door to wait for your student. You may also park in the spots opposite our front door and wait for your student to exit the building. Please ensure you are either escorting or monitoring their safe return to your car.
- Classes in Studio III will dismiss students out the door at the back of our building.
 - Please pull around the back of the building from the south end and look for door 6.
 - All parents picking up at the back door should remain in their cars and the instructor will send your student to their car.

ZOOM

- Zoom will be available if the office is notified that a student is unable to attend their class in-person. We will not activate Zoom sessions unless we have been notified there is a need for the session.
- Please email the office at least 2 hours prior to your students scheduled class time to let us know that your student needs the Zoom session. Send your email to info@dance-connection.com
- Upon notification, the Zoom login information will be forwarded to you to confirm that your message was received and that the Zoom session will be available for your student's class.

WHAT SHOULD MY STUDENT BRING TO CLASS?

- All students should bring needed class attire and shoes. Please no extra bags or toys inside the studio.
- Student belongings will be taken into the studio with your student so please only essential dance items.
- All students need to have their own water bottles clearly marked with their name. Please ensure that your student has plenty of water with them. It is recommended to pack an extra water bottle or two so they can refill their water bottles as needed.
- Cell phones can be inside the studio but must be turned to silent and are not to be used at any time during class unless the instructor gives specific instruction that they can use them to video choreography. Cell phones that are disruptive during class will be brought to the office and returned to the student when class ends.

If you have questions about our updated COVID-19 policies, please contact the office at info@dance-connection.com or call Donna at 317.696.6719. We thank you for your continued support of our studio and our efforts to keep our staff, students, and families safe and healthy.