

Covid-19 Safety Measures/Procedures

(Applies to all classes)

We are so excited to get our students back in the studio for a new year of dance! It's important, now more than ever, for our dancers to have a place where they can express themselves, socialize with their friends (in a safe and distanced manner), and be a part of the Academy family.

The following safety measures will temporarily take place at The Academy of Dance Arts to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and keep our dancers, staff, and their families safe. Please take a moment to read this to familiarize yourself and your dancer with our new procedures. We ask that parents have a conversation with their child to discuss the new rules and expectations regarding social distancing and wearing a mask. We know this is not ideal. Thank you for your patience and understanding with these new policies.

Masks:

Based on CDC recommendations and Ohio's statewide mask order, all staff, students, and persons entering the building will be required to wear a mask at The Academy of Dance Arts.

- [You can find a list of excellent high-quality mask options for kids here.](#)
- [Bloch is selling masks for dancers as well!](#)
- A face shield is a great alternative for those who find masks uncomfortable.

Health Precautions:

- Staff and families of students are required to self-monitor their symptoms. This includes taking temperature and discussing all COVID-19 symptoms. Dancers may not enter the building if they are exhibiting any symptoms or have been exposed to COVID-19.
- Symptoms may include but are not limited to:
 - Cough, difficulty breathing, sore throat, unusual headache, unexplained muscle and/or joint pain, chills, fever, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, loss of sense of smell, pink eye
- Staff and students should **stay home** if they are sick or exhibit any of the above symptoms. If a student or staff member is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, they must notify the Academy owner immediately and contact a healthcare provider.
- If a student comes into contact with someone with a known case of COVID-19, please do not attend class for the required 14 days.

Registration/Tuition:

- Registration forms, fees, and tuition will all be paid online or via mailed check. Registration forms should be filled out online and payments made before classes start to eliminate lobby traffic.

Drop off/Pickup Procedures:

- Students being **dropped off** should enter through the **front** entrance of the studio.
- Everyone is required to sanitize their hands upon entering the building. There will be a sanitizing station set up in the entrance between the 2 sets of doors.
- Students being **picked up** will exit using the **back** door. Parents should form a line in the driveway behind the studio. If you arrive early, feel free to park in front to wait and then pull around to the back to pick up your student. Younger students will be escorted by a staff member.
 - Parents of 3, 4, & 5 can come into the lobby to drop off or pick up **only if wearing a mask.**
 - Please make sure to be on time for pickup so students don't have to wait in the lobby and our next class can drop off on time.
 - Make sure to do a "test run" with your kids. You can drive behind the studio to see where the back exit door is where they will be exiting.
- Parents will not be permitted in the building so we don't have extra people in the lobby. This is to reduce exposure to our dancers. Parents of 3, 4, & 5 year olds may have one parent in the lobby but no siblings. **Parents must wear a mask while in the lobby.** However, if your child is fine without you we prefer you drop them off. If your child is older but has a specific reason why they would need you in the studio, please contact me. The lobby will be wiped down after the younger kids classes.

Studio/In Class Safety Measures:

- Dance floors are marked so students will be at least 6 feet apart while dancing.
- Barres have been marked off so students remain 6 feet apart.
- We have X's in the lobby marked 6 feet apart.
- We have hand sanitizer and Clorox wipes in every studio and in the lobby.
- We will not be using props or mats in dance class.
- We will not be doing partner dancing/touching each other.
- Staff will be educated on all safety measures and will help with protocols/procedures/cleaning, etc.

- Dance studios will be wiped down after each level finishes classes.
- Surfaces and door handles will be wiped down regularly in the bathrooms and lobby.
- NO FOOD allowed in the building (Saturday 8/Adv. classes can bring a snack that can be kept under the bar).
- No food or water will be sold in the building.

Student Etiquette:

- Students should arrive already in dance attire (with regular clothes over) and not use the bathroom for changing into dance attire.
- They will put dance bags and belongings under their spot at the barre (not in the lobby).
- In most cases, students will not be switching studios if they have more than one class. All personal items should be kept with them under the barre.
- Please have your child use the bathroom at home before arriving at The Academy. Bathrooms are available but we would like to cut down on the amount of people using them.
- Students who have a break between classes may wait in the lobby at the benches or chairs as long as they keep their masks on.
- Please talk to your children about keeping distance from other students, not hugging/touching and being respectful of other students' feelings concerning Covid-19.