



J & D DANCE ACADEMY

Health & Safety Procedures/Policies - Covid-19 Waiver

Updated as of June 3rd, 2020

These procedures and policies are in place until it is deemed safe by local government and public health officials to resume normal protocol. These policies are subject to change in accordance with guidance from local government and public health officials.

GENERAL POLICIES/PROCEDURES

- Signage will be posted throughout the studio, as well as outside, detailing and reminding dancers and families of hygiene and distancing protocol.
- Props will not be used in class temporarily in order to limit potential germ-spread.
- There will temporarily be no hand-holding, high-fives, partner work, lifts, or other activities where dancers need to be touching or in close proximity.
- Lobby chairs will be removed in order to promote distancing. Parents/guardians are encouraged to wait in their cars instead of in the lobby.
- All water bottles brought into the studio MUST be clearly labeled with the dancer's name and kept in their dance bag with the rest of their belongings.
- Dancers are discouraged from bringing food into the studio.
- Class times have been staggered to allow for a more controlled and distanced entrance and exit of the studio.

SAFE PHYSICAL DISTANCING

- Per Massachusetts safety standards class size maximums have been set to groups of no more than 10 including staff and based on the square footage of each studio room to ensure the ability to keep a safe distance between dancers in each studio room.
- Until deemed safe otherwise, students will dance in the studio safely distanced from one another, marked by colorful floor tape in 6ft personal squares.
- Dancers will sanitize hands, enter the studio one at a time with all of their belongings. They will be directed to 'their' chair and this will be their chair for the entire class when needed. Class dismissal will follow the same protocol: sanitize hands upon exit and students dismissed one at a time.

- All indoor common areas will remain closed and nonessential visitors are discouraged.
- Parents are asked to drop off no more than 5 minutes before class starts, and pick up no more than 5 minutes after class is dismissed to help us promote these protocols.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND SANITATION

- Anyone entering the building and studios within the building will be asked to sanitize upon arrival and departure.
- Dancers will be encouraged to wash hands frequently and discouraged from touching their faces.
- Anyone who is feeling ill should remain at home.
- Parents/guardians/emergency contacts of dancers who appear ill will be called immediately for pickup.
- Face Coverings are required to be worn by anyone entering the building-staff, students, visitors.

FACILITY SANITATION

- Classes will be scheduled to allow time for cleaning/disinfection AND to help promote physical distancing between classes.
- The studio rooms, restroom, lobby and ALL surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected several times throughout operating hours.
- After each class, the barres, doorknobs, dance floor and any equipment used during class will be sanitized inside the studio rooms.
- The building will be thoroughly sanitized before the start of the next day.

STAFF

- Staff will be asked to stay home when ill and, if ill, to contact a physician for screening before returning to work.
- All staff will be trained on cleaning, distancing, and hygiene protocol, as well as procedure to follow if a student comes to the studio ill.
- Procedures and policies will be reviewed with staff frequently. Staff are reminded to follow the same hygiene procedures listed above several times throughout their shift.

Assumption of the Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. **COVID-19 is extremely contagious** and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and federal and state health agencies recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of groups of people.

J & D Dance Academy (“the Studio”) has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, the Studio cannot guarantee that you or your child(ren) will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, attending the Studio could **increase** your risk and your child(ren)’s risk of contracting COVID-19.

Please feel free to consult with your lawyer regarding this document which may affect your legal rights. By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that my child(ren) and I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by attending the Studio and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at the Studio may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, Studio employees, instructors, program participants and their families.

I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to my child(ren) or myself (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I or my child(ren) may experience or incur in connection with my child(ren)’s attendance at the Studio or participation in Studio programming (“Claims”). On my behalf, and on behalf of my children, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless J & D Dance Academy, its employees, instructors, agents, and representatives, of and from the Claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto. I understand and agree that this release includes any Claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of the Studio, its employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any Studio program.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Print Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Name of Studio Participant(s): _____