

**COVID-19 Policies & Procedures** 

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We are so excited to get back in the studio for another great year with our dancers and musicians! As always, the safety of our students, staff members and families is priority number one. As such, and in accordance with state, local, and CDC guidelines, we have developed the following studio policies and procedures to address safety concerns surrounding the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

## Who should attend the studio in person at this time?

The State of Virginia has provided the following guidance for who should or should not report to work or other activity where they will be in contact with persons outside their household.

## **COVID-19 Screening Protocol:**

Employees, students and customers should assess themselves for symptoms of COVID-19 before attending the studio each time. Employees and customers should ask themselves: "YES or NO, am I experiencing or have I recently experienced any of the following:"

- A new fever (100.4°F or higher) or a sense of having a fever/chills?
- A new cough that cannot be attributed to another health condition?
- New shortness of breath or difficulty breathing that cannot be attributed to another health condition?
- A new sore throat that cannot be attributed to another health condition?
- New muscle aches and/or fatigue (myalgia) that cannot be attributed to another health condition or specific activity (such as physical exercise)?
- New congestion or runny nose that cannot be attributed to another health condition?
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea?
- New loss of taste or smell?
- Been in close contact in the last 14 days with anyone known or suspected to have COVID-19, and not yet received a negative COVID test?

If an employee or customer answers YES to any of the screening questions, they must stay home and not report to the studio.

In the case of teacher illness or inability to attend the studio in-person, an appropriate sub will be provided or the class will be taught via zoom. In the case of student illness or inability to attend, the class may be attended via Zoom and/or they may utilize standard make-up policies once they are well.

In addition, anyone who has specific risk factors for COVID-19 complications or lives with someone who has specific risk factors for COVID-19, including but not limited to asthma, chronic kidney disease, chronic lung disease, diabetes, hemoglobin disorders, is

immunocompromised, liver disease, age 65+, serious heart conditions, or severe obesity, may wish to stay home or use additional caution.

**Virtual Options:** Any student/family who does not feel comfortable attending the studio in person may attend any or all classes or lessons via Zoom\*, utilizing our easy and professional hybrid studio system, accessible through your Jack Rabbit Parent Portal. Please reach out if you need help getting set up with virtual classes or lessons.

\*Creative Movers, Pre-School Classes and Performance Company Rehearsals are being offered in-person only at this time to provide the best experience for all participants.

## **IN-STUDIO SAFETY PROCEDURES:**

- MASKING: Masks are required for all staff, students, family members, guests and visitors in all areas of the studio, regardless of vaccination status.
- VENTILATION: HEPA air purifiers with level 13 filters have been installed in all studios and the main lobbies. In addition, doors are propped open as much as possible to further enhance air flow.
- SANITIZING: Additional hand sanitizing stations have been installed in all studios and lobbies. All staff, students, family members, guests and visitors are encouraged to sanitize hands upon entering the studio. In addition, high touch surfaces throughout the studio are cleaned and sanitized multiple times per day.

SOCIAL DISTANCING: 6 foot social distancing is encouraged as much as possible. Floor decals and signage have been installed to assist with this.

- Family members, guests and visitors are encouraged not to linger in the lobby or common areas unnecessarily. While lobbies/desk/boutique are open at this time, students/families are encouraged to use the on-line Parent Portal for registration and payment needs or call the desk to register/make payments whenever possible to limit the need to come into the studio. You may also utilize our on-line Boutique (accessible from the studio Facebook pages and studio website) for all dancewear, music accessories, studio spirit wear and more! We are open regular hours for in-person service as needed.

- Class sizes are capped appropriately and floor markings provided to encourage physical distancing as much as possible in classes.

- In person music lessons have been moved out of the smaller music studios and into the largest studio and multi-purpose room to allow for easier social distancing and more air flow.

- Dance students will enter the studio by one door and exit by the other to promote smooth traffic flow and avoid crowding at exit/entry points. Signage has been posted to direct students and parents re: drop-off and pick-up locations.

Lastly, Perfect Pointe is strongly urging everyone to get vaccinated as soon as you are eligible! You can search for available appointments near you for your FREE vaccine <u>here</u>. Find community based free testing sites <u>here</u>.

We are continuing to carefully monitor the COVID-19 situation in our community and will adjust these guidelines as necessary and appropriate. If you have specific questions, please reach out!