

# DEBBI'S DANCE'S

## COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

*Updated 9/8/21*

### **Health & Well Being**

If you are sick, please stay home. No one may enter the dance studio if they have been diagnosed with COVID-19 (have not recovered or are still within the required quarantine), had symptoms of COVID-19 (within the last 24 hours), or had contact with a person who has or is suspected to have COVID-19.

### **Lobby Closed - Dancers Only, Please**

The dance studio is currently open only to registered dancers taking class and ONE parent/guardian of new & young dancers. Siblings and guests are not allowed during evening classes at this time.

### **Sign-In**

Upon entering the studio, please sign in, sanitize your hands, and confirm you are symptom free and haven't been exposed to COVID-19.

### **Masks**

Masks that cover the nose and mouth are required to be worn regardless of vaccination status in all areas throughout the dance studio, including during class. Children ages 4 & under, with the assistance and close supervision of adults, are encouraged to wear facial coverings, but it is not required.

Disposable masks are available for purchase at the front desk for \$1 exact cash/change. It is the responsibility of dancers/parents to clean or replace face coverings when damaged or soiled. Face coverings may not be shared.

### **Water Bottles & Food**

Dancers need to bring their own water bottles. Absolutely no sharing water bottles between dancers. Vending machines are no longer available. Small cups are available complimentary at the front desk and bottled water is available for purchase at the front desk for \$1 exact cash/change. Dancers may bring healthy, non-messy snacks in their dance bag to eat in between classes while waiting in areas 6 ft from other dancers. No sharing food items.

### **No Large Dance Bags – What to bring, What to wear, What not to bring...**

Dancers need to arrive in dancewear with hair pulled back and secured out of their face. To help maintain social distancing requirements, dancers need to leave large dance bags at home and carry their items with them to class. Small spaces 6 ft apart will be designated around the perimeter of each dance room for dancer water bottles, shoes, and/or small bags. Suggested bag size limit is 12"x12"x6". Please bring your own small props, ie. Hats, for practicing dance routines that include small props.

Please note: items left behind at the studio will be donated...our lost and found box will not be used at this time.

## **Hand Hygiene**

Please sanitize hands upon entering the dance studio. Hand sanitizer is available at the studio entrance and inside each dance room and dancers will be asked to sanitize hands throughout class.

## **Dance Footwear Required**

Shoes designated for dance class or socks (dance-specific socks strongly suggested for dancers wishing to wear socks) are required for dance classes. No sneakers worn outside or bare feet are permitted during class. Dance socks can be ordered online at <https://www.apollaperformance.com/products/the-performance-shock>. Be sure to get dance socks "with traction" to avoid slipping.

## **Class Times / Arrival Times / Dance Breaks**

Most class times are 50 minutes to allow time for teachers to sanitize dance rooms and equipment in between each class. Please drop off and pick up dancers as close to class times as possible. We need to limit the amount of people inside the studio and ask parents to pick up dancers during their "dance breaks" of an hour or longer.

## **Waiting for Class**

Social distancing guidelines of at least six feet of separation must be maintained by every person at all times to the greatest extent possible. A limited number of chairs are placed 6 ft apart throughout the dance studio for students who have a break or are waiting for class to start. Students may be invited into classrooms early if the teacher is present and room is disinfected and ready. Dancers may bring healthy snacks in their dance bags to eat while waiting for class to start. Please no sharing food.

## **Sanitizing Equipment**

Teachers, staff and volunteers will clean and sanitize equipment and common surfaces regularly. Equipment will be sanitized after each use and dancers will be asked to sanitize hands before and after using equipment such as barres and gymnastics mats. Dancers may be asked to do their part in helping to clean dance equipment if needed during class.

## **Front Desk Closed – How to Handle Payments/Questions**

The front desk is closed. Owners Andrea Patton & Michelle Hager will be checking and responding to the dance studio voicemail (360-456-6350) and email (5678@DebbisDanceEtc.com) daily M-F, in addition to teaching classes.

### **3 ways to pay:**

- 1. Pay in full online** - Go to [www.DebbisDanceEtc.com](http://www.DebbisDanceEtc.com), and click on the "Register/Payments" button to log into your online account. If you've been receiving email from us, but haven't logged in before, simply click "forgot password" to set up your password and access your account.
- 2. Pay any amount by phone:** Send us an email at [5678@debbisdanceetc.com](mailto:5678@debbisdanceetc.com) to coordinate this option.
- 3. Mail or drop off a check payable to Debbi's Dance, Etc.** to 6715 Martin Way E, Olympia, WA 98516

Thank you for your patience! We will continue to assess our policies and keep our students' and teachers' health our highest priority.