

New Policies and Procedures for COVID-19 Prevention at WADance

BEFORE CLASS

- Dancers should arrive all dressed in their dance attire and ready for their class to start prior to coming to the studio.
 - If a dancer needs help with their dance shoes, the instructors can assist the dancer.
 - No street shoes should be worn in the dance rooms.
- The waiting room and viewing windows will be “closed” to limit group sizes and gatherings. No guests/ parents will be allowed in the studio at this time.
- For our younger dancers please have them use the rest room at home prior to arriving at the studio.
 - Our bathrooms will be wiped down with disinfecting wipes and spray frequently.
- All dance bags should stay in the vehicle.
- Dancers can bring one water bottle in with them to class. The water fountain will not be available for use.
- No food or snacks allowed in the studio at this time.
- Each instructor will either wash their hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer prior to the start of each class.
- Dancers will be given hand sanitizer prior to going into the dance rooms for class.
- Face masks should be worn when inside the studio.
- Dancers will have an assigned bin for their dance items while in class for their water bottle and shoes.
 - These bins will be disinfected after each class and every night.

DURING CLASS:

- Each student will be given hand sanitizer before entering the dance room. Or should wash their hands with soap and water.
- We will not be using classroom props in the studios to avoid the spread of germs.
- No hand holding or “balloons” during class activities.
- There will be one instructor per class.
- Cloth or disposable masks are permitted. If your dancer needs a mask, please let the instructor know.
- Dance floors are marked with boundaries to maintain social distancing.

AFTER CLASS:

- Classes will be finishing 10 minutes early to allow each student to exit the building.
 - Parents/ Guardians should arrive in a timely manner to ensure the pick-up/ drop off process moves smoothly.
- After each class, the studio room will be cleaned. The ballet barres will be wiped down with disinfecting wipes and any other surfaces the dancers touch.
- Parents/ Guardians should wash dancers clothing items and attire after each class.

Dropping Off & Picking Up

- Dropping off your dancer
 - Dancers will be dropped off by parent/ guardian at the front door of the studio where their instructor or studio staff member will let them into the building.
 - Parents/ Guardians should head West down Main Street, using the parking spots in front of the building where instructors or studio staff members will guide dancers into the studio building.
 - If there is no parking available in the front of the building, please walk your dancer to the front door.
- Picking up your dancer
 - Classes will be dismissed 10 minutes prior from our usual dismissal time to allow dancer pick up and to clean/ sanitize the studio rooms and surfaces.
 - Pick up will operate the same way as drop off.
 - We ask that parents/ guardians arrive timely for pick up to allow a smooth transition between each class.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS & INFO

- Please keep dancer's home if they are feeling ill.
- If you have been around someone else that has been feeling ill or has been exposed to COVID-19 please stay home.
- Practice social distancing.
- Talk with your dancer about social distancing and "buddy hands"
 - Buddy hands – we use this term in class for our dancers to keep their hands to themselves. They interlock their fingers together, holding their hands together.
- Talk with your dancer about our new atmosphere at the studio.
 - Why we will not be using studio props or hand holding activities. And as much as we'd love to hug our dance friends, it is just not safe at this time.
- Know that the staff and instructors at Whitney's Academy of Dance, are here to service our dancers and families. To keep everyone safe while doing something we all LOVE!

DANCE!!!