

BACKSTAGE Competition Safety Measures

As we prepare and look forward to moving ahead with our events, below is some guidelines and safety measures that Backstage Competition will implement. Backstage will follow all CDC, State, and Venue guidelines with regards to COVID-19.

****Please understand that ALL these Safety measures and guidelines are subject to change. Each venue and State have their own rules and guidelines that we must follow. Backstage Competition will email any updates about your specific event prior to the Competition that you will be attending.**

Cleaning/Sanitizing: Backstage staff will do a deep cleaning of the venue prior to the day of event, on top of what the venue is already doing. We will also clean between each studio block. Our Marley floor will be sanitized frequently during each event, along with all high traffic areas.

Temperature Checks: Upon arrival, temperature checks may be required. Backstage will be using a no touch thermometer. Anyone, including our staff, with a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher, will not be permitted to enter.

Hand Sanitizing Stations: Will be located backstage, at merchandise, and other high traffic areas. Dancers will be required to sanitize hands prior to going on stage and immediately following their performance.

Social Distancing/Signage: Signs will be placed in venue advising of Backstage Competition safety policies and social distance reminders.

Face Coverings: The Backstage staff will be wearing masks. All attendees are encouraged to wear a mask. Unless locally mandated, wearing a face mask will be optional. There will be no penalties for dances who choose to wear a mask on stage.

Dancers must wear their masks while entering and exiting the performance area. Once backstage, should they choose to perform without the mask, there will be a table for them to place their masks. Each dancer should have a bag/zip lock with their name for the mask. This will avoid a dancer grabbing the incorrect

mask in error. After each performance the Mask Only table will be cleaned/sanitized.

Competition Schedule/Guests: Each studio will receive their own block of time to compete. Depending on the number and size of each studio, 1 or 2 more studios could be given the same block of time. Each studio will have their own designated dressing room space. We ask that the dancers arrive performance ready to avoid unnecessary crowding in the dressing rooms. Each dancer will be limited to (1) guest. *(This is subject to change depending on the venue and State restrictions)* Once we receive the state mandate maximum capacity number, we will let the studio directors know.

Backstage APP: Download our FREE APP from Apple or Google store and follow our schedule. This will allow family and friends watching virtually to follow along.

APP- Backstage Competition

Costumes- Are optional and no points will be deducted if performers are not in costume. This will be at the discretion of the studio director.

Routines- Only one routine is allowed backstage at any given time. Only the dancers performing are allowed to be backstage. We will have a staging area for the next routine. The Backstage area will be marked with which side to enter and exit from. Dancers must abide by this direction path.

Music Upload: Mandatory music upload. We ask that all your music be uploaded prior to the deadline. Uploading will limit handling music devices by our staff. As always, please have backups.

Awards: Each block will have their own adjudicated award ceremony. In the event there is more than one studio, only one studio representative will be permitted on stage to receive the awards. Overall awards, VIP awards, special awards, and titles will be announced at the completion of the competition via live stream. When possible, one studio representative should be present to receive the awards. All Adjudication pins and trophies are packed and given to the studio director.

Live Stream: We will attempt to live stream each competition for those unable to attend and to limit the audience capacity. This is dependent on the internet connection at each venue.

Merchandise: Our merchandise table will be open. We ask that you follow the social distancing markings. Cash will be accepted but credit will be the preferred payment method.

Waivers: Must be completed by all who are attending the competition.

Backstage wants everyone to feel like a VIP. Everyone's safety is our main priority. Although changes need to be made, Backstage is still committed on making our competition and awards the fun and exciting event that you have come to love.