

# *Goodman Performing Arts Center*

## Health and Safety Guidelines for Dance Classes

GPAC will follow all current CDC and CT Department of Health recommendations to ensure the safety of our students and faculty. In accordance with these recommendations GPAC will include multiple layers of precautions to reduce the risk of Covid-19 spread. These layers will include small class sizes, staggered class times, health screenings, cleaning and disinfecting protocols and social distancing.

### **Daily arrival and Screening procedure**

- Prior to leaving your home remind students to fill their water bottles, use the bathroom and wash their hands.
- Upon arrival Teachers will take the students temperature with touchless infrared thermometer and provide hand sanitizer.
- Faculty will also have their temperature checked and be screened daily.
- Students and Faculty will always wear masks. Periodic Masks breaks will be given.
- Students will be notified of the appropriate door to enter and the route to their assigned studio.
- With the exception of the pre-school students, parents are not allowed in the building to minimize volume and risk of exposure.
- Street shoes must be removed prior to entering the studio and placed in your assigned area.
- Students will have a designated seat/area to store their belongings and change shoes etc.
- Students will have a designated spot to dance on for the entire class.
- Teachers will maintain social distancing and will not provide tactile corrections during class.
- We encourage a “no eating” policy, if necessary, we suggest a small snack which must be consumed in their designated area/seat and all items must be carry in and out.
- Bring only what is required for class, no large bags allowed.

## **Cleaning and Disinfecting Procedures**

- All touched surfaces in the studio will be disinfected by the staff between classes. This includes barres, doorknobs and students' seat.
- Bathrooms; We would like to keep bathroom breaks to minimum. There are signs reminding students of the hand washing procedures. Hand sanitizer must be applied before returning to the studio. A faculty member will disinfect bathroom surfaces between each use.
- Studios will have an air purifying unit to increase air flow.
- Doors will be open when possible to increase ventilation.
- All floors will be mopped daily with a disinfecting solution.
- The entire facility will be professionally cleaned and sanitized weekly.

## **Studio Protocol**

- Smaller class Sizes and staggered start times.
- Areas will be clearly marked to help traffic flow and minimize student interaction.
- Designated space on the dance floor.
- All classes will be available online.
- In person class sizes are limited and on a first come first serve basis.
- Families must notify GPAC immediately if a student or family member becomes ill and if covid is suspected.

As we have seen, CDC and DOH recommendations may change. GPAC will constantly monitor changes to local and state guidelines and adapt as necessary. The health and safety of GPAC students and staff will remain the most important factor in all decisions.