**COVID Safety Announcements & Guidelines**

We are excited to welcome our families back for Season #58. As we shift gears into a new academic year, we want to reiterate the guidelines we have put into place over the summer to ensure that the wellness and safety of your children are our top priority.

**STUDIO SETUP & CHANGES**

We are continuing to work hard to make sure that we can keep the spirit and comfort of our in-studio lessons the same while also facilitating social distancing.  As such, we will be requiring all students, parents, and teachers to adhere to the following protocol.

**Temperature Checks:** All persons entering the studio will have their temperature checked with our contactless thermometer. Anyone 100.7 + will not be allowed in the studio. If you are experiencing any flu like symptoms please do not come to class.

**Hand Sanitizer:** “Pump in Pump out” Students will be given sanitizer when entering and exiting class.

**Mask Protocol:** Masks must be worn upon entering the building, and kept on for all activities. Students may only remove their masks to drink water. Teachers will wear masks for the entire in-person lessons, unless they are in the designated teacher zone to take a short break from mask-wearing to drink water. Tiny tots are the only dancers who do not need to wear a mask.

**Minimal Physical Contact:**  We realize that physical corrections of the body are a natural part of dance training. For the time being, we will limit hands-on corrections. No hand-holding, high-fives, or hugging in the classroom.

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**Physically Distant Dancing:** Our studio is now setup to indicate physically distant guidelines on the dance floor, both for stationary learning (6ft squares) and traveling dance steps (x’s)

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**Leaving the Studio:** We are asking that all students leave immediately after their in-studio lesson. Each student should gather their belongings, stay masked, and get some hand sanitizer on the way out

**The Lobby:** Our waiting room is currently closed at this time. Parents will drop off and pick up dancers.

\*One” parent of each of our tiny tots will be allowed in to the classroom, remember to wear a mask.

**Cleaning:** All surfaces will be sanitized in-between each class with a combination of disinfectant wipes and sprays. We have implemented a new air filtration system to keep the air circulating and clean.

**WHAT YOU SHOULD BRING TO YOUR IN-STUDIO LESSON:**

**1 - Mask-** For all dancers except our tiny tots, we ask that you bring two masks. A sweaty mask might need to be changed!

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**2 - A (full) water bottle**- At this time our water cooler is closed to slow the spread of any germs. Please bring your own water labeled with your name.

**3 - An individual hand sanitizer**- Something to start keeping in your dance bag! If you have one, bring it! It’s great to have your own on hand. We will also have sanitizer for all dancers to use as they enter and exit class. We call this “pump in pump out”

**4 - A small bag** - to keep your belongings contained and make sure that nothing gets left behind. Please do not bring large dance bags. Keep your water bottles inside your bag when not actively using them.  Bring only what's necessary!

**5- Older Dancers**- (Rythmaires, Stars, Debonaires) Please bring a yoga mat or beach towel to class. We will be using these when we stretch to prevent some unnecessary exposure to the floor.