

THIS IS OUR GENERAL PLAN, FOLLOWING A PROTOCOL THAT WILL KEEP US ALL SAFE:

We will only be using the larger studio (Studio 2).

We will only be offering Ballet and Lyrical classes in person. Sharon will teach Contemporary Dance only virtually, and Tap classes will not resume at this time. Julie and Judith will return when things have stabilized.

Our schedule will be set for a 4 week period (Sept. 14-October 10). At that time we will take a week off to reassess the situation and plan to resume with classes starting October 19. As things improve, we hope to build on the schedule, allow more students into each class, reintroduce tap, modern and contemporary classes and slowly get back to “normal”.

In order to maintain the necessary safe distancing protocols, we can only allow 6-8 students in the classroom at a time. We will offer each class via Zoom, so students that are not physically in the studio can still participate at the same level. If there are more than 6-8 students who wish to take in-person classes, we will arrange it so that they take the class in-person and virtually on alternating weeks.

If things should decline before October 10 and cause us to have to close our physical space again, we will continue teaching the current schedule of classes virtually.

All students/parents must register and make payments online to eliminate unnecessary physical contact.

All students/parents will be required to sign a waiver (which was always part of the registration process) and must answer questions regarding potential virus contact before each class.

IN THE STUDIO

Parents must drop off children at the door where the instructor will meet them and take their temperature. If they have a temperature, they cannot stay.

***Parents of students age 4-7 may bring students inside and get them settled. Please know that masks must be worn inside at all times. In an effort to minimize the number of people in the building, we ask that parents wait for their children outside.

Teachers and students must wear a mask, covering both the nose and the mouth. We recommend a disposable paper mask, as it is easier to breath in. If a student has any breathing issues once they are off the barre and moving, they may go off to the side, away from others, and remove their mask and catch their breath. But the mask **has** to be on when they return to the class.

The waiting room and dressing rooms will NOT be available, so students should come dressed and ready to dance. Students will leave street shoes outside the studio door and go directly into the studio. There are spots marked at the barre – each student will be assigned one and students must stay in that spot. Signs will be posted to help direct students and remind them to keep their masks on and distance themselves from each other.

We are minimizing floor stretches and floor contact. **Students should bring a towel or a yoga mat on which they can lie if any floor work is done, and the area will be disinfected afterwards.**

When the class moves to center, we will keep students at least 6 feet away from each other. The floor is marked with 7'x 8' squares to help maintain safe distance. When moving across the floor, students will move in groups of 2 at a time, or singly. If they are waiting, we will have them maintain the 6 foot minimum distance from others that are waiting.

At the end of each class we will clean/disinfect any areas that have been touched in the studio (barres, door knobs, etc). Bathrooms will also be wiped down in between classes.

Air purifiers with a HEPA filter, UV lights will be used as a part of our daily cleaning/disinfecting regiment, and we will do a deep cleaning of the premises weekly or more often, if needed.