

Covid-19 Safety Procedures

The following is a detailed list of how DanceWorks plans to implement regulations set by the State of Massachusetts and the CDC.

Please note that this is an ever changing situation and this will be updated as regulations change.

If you have any questions or concerns with this information please email Kelly at corbettk@npsk.org or Tracy at robertst@npsk.or directly. The health and well being of our students and their families is our top priority.

The following list of procedures are taken from the State of Massachusetts website. This is the link to the document pertaining specifically to dance studios and other youth activities.

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/outdoor-adult-sports-supervised-youth-sports-leagues-summer-sports-camps/download>

Mask Wearing Guidelines:

- All dancers and family members that enter the facility must be wearing a mask.
- A mask must be worn in all common spaces at all times.
- The dance instructors will be in a mask while interacting with students during class and when not able to be socially distanced.
- The students may take off their mask while engaging in physical activity (dance) but they are welcomed and encouraged to be worn the entire time. At times where social distancing in class is harder to achieve (traveling across the floor), dancers will be asked to wear their mask.
- Mask breaks will be given periodically during class.

Dance Studio Capacity:

- 12 dancers and 2 instructors will be the maximum allowed in the studios.
- All family members are asked to drop off and return, or wait outside in their cars.
- Waiting areas will remain closed to the public.
- Students will not be allowed to gather in groups. We will have clearly marked zones to keep students apart while waiting for class to begin.
- All food is encouraged to be had at home or outside the facility to limit cleanup, sharing and removal of masks in common areas.

Inside The Dance Rooms:

- The dance studio floors will be clearly marked to socially distancing students.
- Only shoes designated for dance class will be permitted in the studio. No street shoes!
- Dancers must have dance shoes on their feet at all times. No bare feet allowed.
- All dancers must bring their own water bottle to class. We do not have access to a water fountain in the facility.

Cleaning and Sanitizing:

- All high touch items will be sanitized between every dance class. This includes (but not limited to) door handles, ballet barres, the dance floors and restrooms.
- There will be a very limited use of props. No props will be shared amongst the dancers. All props will be thoroughly cleaned before and after each use.
- There will be hand sanitizer stations in the waiting area and also in the dance room.
- Antibacterial hand soap will be available in the restroom. Hand washing will be mandatory before and after each class.
- Studio will be professionally cleaned on a weekly basis.

Health Screening:

- All staff members will be screened and have temperatures taken before classes.
- Any staff member found ill or with symptoms will be immediately sent home and the dance studio will be sanitized from top to bottom. This will take place before any students enter the facility.
- If a staff member is found ill or with symptoms all dance families will be notified immediately.
- Each student will be screened and have their temperature check before entering the studio.
- Students who seem symptomatic will be dismissed immediately. A family member will be contacted for immediate pick up. The dance studio will be sanitized from top to bottom and all classmates' family members will be contacted and made aware.

Entrances and Exits:

- To help limit the number of people in the facility at one time, we will stagger class start times. (We strongly encourage families to wait outside or in their cars for pick up and drop off of older students).