

COVID-19 UPDATE

JULY 6, 2020



Dear HCB Family,

First, we must say thank you for your support through these last three months. Our revised schedule for June and changes in our summer classes and intensives have so far been a great success, and we know that is due to your support and cooperation.

We are pleased to share that our Safer Studio™ have earned the approval of the State of Ohio and Summit County Health Departments which allows us to continue to offer services going forward. This means, the plans and precautions that have been put in to place support our ability to hold classes in person.

Local Health Care Professionals have expressed their appreciation for our continued efforts towards community health by offering a variety of ways for students to continue to dance safely. After all, health is not just about avoiding sickness, it's also about building strong bodies, minds and community.

The response to our planning and communication has been overwhelmingly positive and we are pleased to offer the following options:

- **In studio** classes are now scheduled for the remainder of summer and 20-21 season beginning in August.
- At the start of the 20-21 season we will be a fully Tech Enabled Studio™. **Live streamed** classes will be available year-round as our go-to option for class interruptions, such as weather, absences, or governmental advisories.

It probably goes without saying that schools are going to experience reports of COVID-19 exposures as they welcome back their staff and students. The county has advised us that single reports of exposure risk will not require a studio closure. If the studio receives a report of exposure risk that person is to share that information with the County, any class affected would be notified and exposure risk level cleaning would be enacted. Currently, the County encourages those with the risk to self-quarantine for 14 days from the date of potential exposure. HCB will monitor any staff self-quarantine but does not have the capacity to monitor student self-quarantine. As such, parents are asked to use their own discretion as to their comfortability returning to class or if they would rather participate from home. There will be no penalty and classes will be made up in person (space permitting) or on-line. If the studio receives a cluster report of exposure risk, we will work directly with the County on the next steps.

Thank you to all the HCB families, for working together to minimize risk, keep our staff and students safe, and keep our studio operational. We continue to follow the highest standards of care and ask that you do the same. For a full list of our procedures please see the document below.

Thank you again for your continued support, we appreciate all you have done to help us through this continuing challenge.

In partnership,

Eric and Sunita

COVID-19 POLICIES

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HCB COVID-19 Policies as of July 2020

Families will be notified of any updates or changes to the COVID-19 policies.

HCB is a Safer Studio™

Our guidelines include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Continuous wellness checks of staff
- Frequent hand washing
- Enhanced cleaning procedures
- Minimization of mingling through physical distancing practices
- Curricular and facility adjustments



Wellness Checks

- All staff, students, and guests will have their temperature taken prior to the beginning of shift or class.
- Parents are asked to not send their children to class if they, or a member of their household, have a fever or respiratory symptoms.
- Parents are asked to not send their children to class if they, or a member of their household, have tested positive for Covid-19 in the last 14 days.

Frequent Hand Washing

- Employees will wash hands and/or sanitize hands before and after each class.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be available throughout the studio and inside the classrooms. Students will be encouraged to wash hands and/or sanitize before and after class.
- Hand washing posters are posted in the bathrooms and classrooms.

Enhanced Cleaning Procedures

- We have increased our cleaning frequencies and procedures in high traffic areas and high touch surfaces of the studio such as doors, viewing windows, barres, counters, music systems and bathrooms.

Minimized Mingling

- We have made facility, scheduling, and curricular changes to reduce mingling in support of physical distance recommendations. However, we understand that unlike older children and adults, young children cannot be expected to maintain physical distancing at all times.

Masks

- Our employees will be wearing masks except for occasional water breaks within their workstation.
- Mask wearing is required for all students, guests, and employees in all common areas of the studio and during arrival/dismissal procedures.
- Masks during class are encouraged but not required and is at personal/parental discretion.

Facility and Curricular Adjustments

- All lobby waiting areas, children's play spaces, student lounge, dressing booths, office, staff room etc. will be closed unless specified.
- Auto-pay is highly encouraged, no in person payments will be taken until further notice.
- Clearly label your water bottles and shoes. There is no lost and found and all items will be discarded.

- Dance bags will always be kept with the dancer. Do not send items that are not needed.
- No food allowed in studios.
- Curricular changes made to eliminate prop use and handholding, and to reduce mingling in studio. Staff will refrain from physical corrections, hi-5s, fist bumps, etc.
- Class sizes have been modified to reflect county recommendations

Arrival and Dismissal

- Please enter using the main door. Currently, we ask that parents wait in their cars or outside during classes to help with physical distancing in the building.
- Dancers will be greeted by a staff member and have their temperature taken before entering. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE UNTIL YOU SEE YOUR DANCER ENTER THE BUILDING.
- Parents of preschool dancers, under age 5, can wait inside if necessary, for the comfort of their dancer. Please limit this to one caregiver, we are not able to accommodate siblings at this time.
- Students will be released from class one by one and should use hand sanitizer while exiting.
- Students will wait on designated spots in the lobby until a parent arrives. Please try to communicate with your child who will be picking up so they know who to watch for.
- Please try to arrive early and park near the windows, you are welcome to wait at an outdoor waiting spot if empty.

Bathroom use

- Students are encouraged to use the restroom at home before coming to class.
- Bathrooms are only for toilet/sink use, not for changing clothes.
- Bathrooms will be unisex, and each studio will be assigned a restroom for the evening.