

Piazza Dance Company

Policies and Procedures for Safe Re-Opening, Fall 2020

Please read and familiarize yourself and your dancer with the following temporary safety procedures. We ask that parents have a discussion with their dancer regarding these new expectations for a safe return to class this summer. Families who are not comfortable with the following plan may continue to take class via Zoom. Revised 9/15/2020*

1. Parents, and students age 18 and older, must read and sign safety protocols and waivers when registering. Parents are encouraged to pay tuition and other fees online, to minimize the need to enter the school.
2. Parents shall conduct a health assessment of their dancer before arriving at the school. This includes taking their student's temperature and assessing for any COVID-19 and other symptoms. Dancers shall not attend class if they are not feeling well, and/or have an elevated temperature, and/or are exhibiting symptoms of illness and/or have been exposed to COVID-19. Dancers shall not attend dance class if she/he is in quarantine due to an incident that occurred in school, another activity, or a family function, even if she/he does not experience symptoms.* Please remember to call-in or email your dancer's absence. Staff may use a remote infrared thermometer to take a student's temperature, to their discretion.
3. Our lobby and all waiting areas are temporarily closed. Parents and siblings shall remain outside the building when dropping off or picking up their dancer. If you are concerned your student may experience separation or behavior issues, you are encouraged to remain onsite in the parking lot the first few weeks of class. Exception: for the first class session, or, if your student is age 6 or younger, one parent may be permitted in the lobby while their student is in class. Parent/guardian must wear a mask and observe social distancing markers while in the school. Siblings or additional family members of the attending student shall not be permitted inside the school.
4. Anyone, age 6 and older entering the building shall wear a mask, hand-sanitize at the sanitizing station nearest the entrance, and observe social-distancing while inside. Dancer's, too, shall wear their mask while in the building, including at all times in class and while dancing, per Executive Order 2020-176, which amends the previous mask order and now requires mask use at all times during exercise.*
5. Dancers enter the building at their designated class time. Do not arrive early or late. Students should maintain social-distancing once inside and between classes. Visual carpet markers shall aid in social-distancing.
6. Dancers shall arrive already properly dressed for class. Changing of clothes is discouraged in the school. A cover-up is recommended when moving between the

school and parking lot. Dancers should remove street shoes at the school entrance or place in the dancer's dance bag. Dance bags may be placed in a designated area in the lobby.

7. Cubbies, lunch area and drinking fountains are temporarily closed. Dancers may bring a water bottle into class, if labeled with the dancer's name. The teacher will allow water breaks to her/his discretion. Any water bottles left after class shall be thrown out. Temporarily, there is no eating in the school. Dancers should refrain from bringing food and snacks. Bathrooms are open to students and staff only. After use, students and staff must use sanitizing wipes or spray(provided) to sanitize all areas they have touched in bathrooms.
8. Dancers shall leave the building after class. The student's transportation should arrive on time and park in a parking space until your student exits the building. Please do not wait in the "No Standing, No Parking" drive-up lane in front of the school. Instruct your student to wait on the sidewalk outside of the front doors, weather permitting, until their ride pulls up to the entrance. It is dangerous for the children to dart through the parking lot, between cars.
9. Dance rooms shall be size-limited to maintain social distancing. Dance floors shall be marked according to a marker or grid, and each student shall be assigned an area in which to dance. Temporarily, dancers may not touch each other during choreography.
10. Except for pre-school classes, 5-minutes shall be taken at the beginning and end of each class having changing student rosters for sanitizing surfaces in the dance room.
11. Staff shall conduct a personal health assessment before arriving at the school. This includes taking their own temperature and assessing for any COVID-19 and other symptoms. Staff may not conduct class if they are not feeling well, and/or have an elevated temperature, and/or are exhibiting symptoms of illness and/or have been exposed to COVID-19.
12. Staff must wear a mask when entering the school and in all areas unless alone in the room. Masks are required for teaching staff in the dance rooms. Temporarily, teachers must maintain at least 6-feet between themselves and students.
13. Teachers shall participate in cleaning and sanitizing floors, barres, props, mats, door handles, light switches and other surfaces in the dance room between each class with changing rosters and at the end of the night.
14. Office staff shall participate in regular cleaning and/or sanitizing of door handles, light switches, sinks and other surfaces in all areas of the school except dance rooms.