

# COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN

## Arrival Procedures/Dancer Expectations/Class Scheduling

### WE ARE DIST-DANCE-ING!

We are excited to be a part of Phase 3 and anticipating a slow return to the studio. Things will be a bit different for awhile, but we are excited to see all of you! When the time comes, in order to allow each class their time in the studio, a combination of Zoom and Live Studio class will continue for some time. We respect that not everyone will decide it's time to return, and to accommodate all our dancers /families, both online & live classes will continue to be scheduled weekly. Only ONE CLASS (to students max.) will be in the dance studio at any given time.

### Class Scheduling During Phase 3

As much as we would love to accommodate the individual schedules all our dancers, it's impossible! In order to make it all work, you will notice that schedules need will be adjusted. We are doing our very best to make this as trouble free as possible, but we hope you understand that we cannot create a perfect schedule that suits everyone.

### Some of our New Procedures

#### **Protecting yourself and others**

Stay at home if you are sick or might be sick. Follow the Public Health Agency of Canada's steps for self-assessment.

We have thoroughly cleaned the facility.

We are disinfecting surfaces frequently.

We will promote individual activities. No hand holding. No handheld props.

Dancers must wear dance shoes to class. (ie. Jazz shoes, ballet shoes, indoor hip hop shoes, Apollo Dance Socks, half soles)

Staff will report any health and safety concerns immediately to the director.

Everyone must enter via main entrance (labeled on door as 'Entrance') and exit out the studio doors (labeled as 'Exit Only')

Dancers are asked to wear a mask entering the building (hallway, lobby, and washroom) for the protection of themselves and others. Masks have limitations and do not replace social distancing. They may remove their mask and put it with their personal belongings once inside the studio or continue to wear their mask during class. They will put their face mask on at the end of class and exit out studio doors.

Ottawa Mask/Face Covering Bylaw: These new bylaws are applicable to indoor (enclosed) spaces only and only those indoor spaces that are open to the public. Face masks will be worn at all times, except for when dancers are participating in dance activity. <https://www.ottawapublichealth.ca/en/public-health-topics/masks.aspx>

Teach your child to place and remove a mask properly. Do not touch the face. Use the elastics to place the mask on the face, without touching the surface of the fabric.

For the safety of teachers, staff and students, we cannot keep lost and found items at this time. Unfortunately, all items left behind will be discarded.

Everyone must sanitize upon entry into the building, and at the end of class. You may use your own product, but you must do so in our presence to show that you have done so.

## **Personal Hygiene**

Regularly wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and warm water.

We have provided paper towels and a lined garbage bins in the bathroom and all main areas.

All high touch areas will be sanitized before and regularly during classes.

We have posted signage at entrances and other areas as reminders.

Temperatures will be taken with non-contact forehead thermometer. Parents will be messaged to return immediately for pick up if a dancer scans caution of fever.

## **Physical Distancing**

Dancers are asked to respect social distancing at all times to the best of their ability. We ask that parents have a frank discussion about the implications of ignoring this practice and how they will be putting dancers/teachers/families & the Orleans community at risk.

Dancers must be dropped off in front of the dance school no more than 5 minutes before their scheduled class. Dancers will be met outside the main doors 5 minutes before their schedule start time. The ramp will have distancing markers for lining up.

The main door will remain locked for the time being. Dancers will be met, checked in, temperature taken, hands sanitized, and allocated a studio space. The studio floor has been divided with distance markers in each section.

Dancers will be limited to what they can bring into the dance school. Dance bags are NOT permitted in the studio. Dance shoes and personal water bottles are permitted for class. Cell phones, keys, medicine, small snacks and wallets must be in a clear plastic zip lock bag. Dancers must provide their own scissors, pens, band-aids, and they must NOT be shared with other dancers.

Once inside, bins will be provided for each class and each dancer is responsible for putting all their personal items including their outdoor footwear in this bin. They will carry their bin into class and put in their allocated spot.

Dancers must follow the designated flow of floor traffic and respect signs and markings to encourage social distancing.

Only DANCERS will be permitted in the dance school at any time. Parents are NOT permitted inside the building. The exception of children under 7yrs of age may have ONE parent enter the building with them. Parent/caregiver must wear mask at all times (no exceptions). No other adults/family member are allowed in the building at this time.

Dancers must arrive dressed for class. The changeroom is closed. Hair must be tied back (buns or ponytail required) to minimize touching their face & hair at class. There is no access to the changeroom & the bathroom will not be used as a change room at this time.

Dancers should use a water bottle with an easy access to spout to minimize the need for touching mouthpiece.

Bathroom use will be limited to dancers/staff only & will be monitored/sanitized at all times. Only one person at a time at the bathroom, and it will be sanitized following each use. This space will be closely monitored.

Dancers will be escorted out through the studio doors at the end of their class. Parents are asked to be at the exit doors, promptly at the end of class for a quick pick up. We ask that you respect teachers as they must be ready to greet their next class and we have a 5-15minute window to complete studio cleaning between class changes. Ensure you are on time for pick up.

## Parents & New Procedures

While we are asking dancers to respect social distancing at all times, we are asking the same from our parents & families. Do not congregate in front of the dance school. Please do not risk our re-opening.

Do not drop your dancer off early. We realize you may have a tight schedule, but they will not be allowed into the dance school until greeted by the teacher. If you are early, we ask that they remain in your car. We cannot be responsible for dancers well being if they are left unattended. Dancers are expected to arrive on time. Please email us if your dancer will be late.

Pick up will be at the studio doors (with dance picture- it will clearly be labeled as 'EXIT ONLY'). There is NO RE-ENTRY from that door. Wait in one of the Centrum parking lots. Proceed to the front when class is scheduled to be finished.

If your dancer cannot tie their own shoes, they must arrive with their shoes on, tied tight, prior to class.

If dancer's shoes come off, & they cannot re-tie them, they will have to dance in their socks, or remain seated in their space until the end of class.

Dancers are discouraged from refilling water bottles during classes. In the case where they need to fill them, they will require the teacher/assistant to assist them. Dancers are discouraged from using the bathroom, but in case where they need to, they will require the teacher/assistant to assist them.

Bathroom use is limited to one person at a time. Hands must be washed properly, then sanitized, and bathroom will be sanitized between uses. Parents are asked to encourage bathroom use at home, prior to class, to limit the use of the studio bathroom. At this time, bathrooms are strictly for the use of dancers and staff.

If DanceR Studio is required to suspend in-studio classes due to an Emergency lockdown or other required non-scheduled closure(s), all dance classes will switch to Online Zoom. Clients will continue to pay for classes- no credits or refunds will be provided.

We will implement any other safety protocols required by the government and/or the health unit.

DanceR Studio has taken every possible measure to keep our dancers, and staff healthy and safe. We can't thank you enough for your support and doing your part to help prevent the spread of COVID- 19. We are re-opening because of our dedicated community!

All of us at DanceR Studio are committed to maintaining a positive, and upbeat mindset despite the new challenges we are facing. To educate children in dance in a positive and nurturing environment remains our number one priority. Our team of teachers can't wait to see you in the studio once again!

All parents and dancers will require a completed and signed Assumption of Risk/Waiver of Liability Agreement before returning to the studio. We require one release for EACH student.