



## **COVID -19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS 2021-22**

Confidance takes the health and safety of our students, families and staff very seriously. Here are the measures we are taking to keep everyone safe and healthy. We are a member of the DANCE SAFE association and are adhering to their guidelines for health and safety. We are also working in partnership with the Waterloo Region Public Health. Below we have outlined the steps we are taking to operate in the safest manner possible.

### **Pre-Screening**

Everyone will be required to complete a pre-screening form. This will be sent out by email and can be found on our website. We require that all dancers, staff and affiliates entering the building fill out this electronic form prior to being granted access. Parents/caregivers must also complete the pre-screening form for themselves when accompanying their children into the studio.

### **Physical Distancing and Mask Wearing**

- Students will be dancing on markers on our floor to maintain physical distancing.
- Limited class sizes to allow for physical distancing.
- If/when class sized exceed distancing limitations, a rotating zoom schedule will be followed to ensure limitations are followed.
- Masks will be required in common areas and change rooms.
- Masks will be required when dancing.
- Teachers will be wearing mask while teaching.
- Teachers will use hand sanitizer before and after any physical interaction for correcting technique.
- Acro classes: there will be limited spotting in acro classes.

### **Cleaning and Disinfecting**

- Frequently touched surfaces will be disinfected between each class.
- Floors will be disinfected daily.
- Change rooms will be closed and only used for limited amounts of time.
- Washrooms will be for urgent use only and disinfected regularly. Students will sanitize their hands before and after use.

### **Traffic Flow and Screening**

- All classes will be ending 5 minutes early to allow for cleaning. Please be ready to pick your dancer 5 minutes before the end of class.
- When classes are released, dancers are encouraged to collect their things as quickly as possible and exit the building. Procedures will be outlined to ensure the safe delivery of students to their parents.
- **Parents of children age 7 and under:**
- Parents of age 7 and under may enter the building with their dancer to assist with shoes and supervision before class. Once classes commence, parents are to leave the building.
- **Parents of children age 8 and older:**
- Parents of children age 8 and older are not permitted to enter the building. Please walk your dancer to the door, ensure their screening form is signed, and ensure they enter the building safely.
- Anyone entering the building (parents and dancers) will be required to do a self assessment each day they have a dance class. This will screen for any symptoms related to COVID -19. Anyone showing symptoms will not be allowed entry. A waiver must be signed and sent in each day a student enters the building. Waivers will be available on our website and can be accessed on site via smart phone. Dancers who have not signed a waiver will be asked to wait in the lobby until the end of class.

### General Rules

- No food at the studio \*\* some exceptions may apply.
- Students are asked to leave the studio if they have a break of more than 30 minutes or if distancing can not be maintained.
- Students are to bring their own water bottle. Bottles must have a lid and be labelled with the student's name.
- No sharing water bottles.
- No refilling water bottles at the studio.
- No drinking from the water fountain at the studio.
- Please bring as little into the studio as possible, for example: school backpacks should not be brought into studio \*\*some exceptions may apply.
- Student belongings cannot be left at the studio during breaks.
- ConfiDance staff will promote good hygiene:
  - Wash hands often with soap and water upon arrival, before and after any breaks, at the beginning and end of each class, or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer (> 60% alcohol) if hand washing is not possible.
  - Avoid touching face including eyes, nose, and mouth.
  - High-touch areas will be cleaned regularly.
  - Everyone will be encouraged to follow respiratory etiquette (e.g. coughing or sneezing into a bent elbow, promptly disposing of used tissues in the trash).

### Studio Pandemic Policies

#### **A student or teacher is exposed to COVID - 19**

If a student or teacher is exposed to COVID -19 the class will immediately switch to a “zoom” or online model until a negative test is confirmed. In person classes will resume when the negative test is confirmed.

If the student or teacher tests positive the class will continue as a “zoom” or online class for 2 weeks so all exposed people can self isolate.

Zoom connections will be made available to students who are self isolating but are registered in other classes.

#### **What Happens If We Shut Down Again?**

If we are required to suspend in-studio classes for a prolonged period due to an Emergency Declaration or other required closure(s) (except for a snow event), dance classes will continue online. Clients will continue to pay for the balance of the term. Clients who elect to drop-out as a result of this change will be provided a pro-rated refund, less a 15% administrative fee.

Pandemic outbreaks are very unpredictable. This policy will be adapted to suit specific situations.

***Parents/guardians must sign an acknowledgment of Dance Studio policies at registration.***

