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The Festival Dance Academy staff and Board members take our responsibility to provide a safe, secure, and enjoyable experience for all the students and parents very seriously. We believe that our studio can sufficiently create an atmosphere that allows for proper safety precautions and physical distancing while providing the opportunity for students to enjoy their dance training on-site. We are regularly monitoring updates for COVID-19 policies for Communities, Schools & Workplaces as well as our state and local government policies. We will continue to get the best possible guidance to provide a regulated and safe environment for us all.

Festival Dance is continuing to take precautions to protect parents, students, and staff amidst this pandemic and our operational practices will feel a little different. The measures FDAPA will be implementing include **sanitation practices**, and **physical distancing measures**. **Masks will be required for entering and exiting the building**, but we will follow the University's provision for athletic training and not require the wearing of masks during actual physical activity and instruction. Rather families will have the choice of whether to use personal protective equipment for their students during the actual class exercises. We are grateful that we have been able to come up with a scenario that lends itself to the safe practice of social and physical distancing. By adhering to these new guidelines, we hope to continue the work that we do of inspiring your students. Please read the guidelines listed below.

Drop-off and pick-up procedures- Beginning Fall 2021, we will not require the remind form, but we do ask all families to be especially diligent toward protecting all students and staff.

- Parents, please monitor your child's health. check student's temperature before arriving on campus, and evaluate their overall health. Please keep students home if they show any of the standard COVID-19 symptoms (shortness of breath, loss of taste/smell, fever, abdominal distress, or body aches), or if your student has been in close contact with anyone who has tested positive to COVID-19.
- We ask that all students arrive five minutes before class start time -No earlier and no later. At this time students are to arrive wearing masks.
- No students are to ride the elevator.
- Students will be asked to use the provided hand sanitizer or wash their hands when they enter and exit the building. We also encourage all students to bring their own bottle of hand sanitizer.
- All children will be required to dress in their dance uniforms at home. They may wear outer clothing which can be removed when shoes are changed.
- Students are being provided with their own bags for personal belongings to be stowed in cubbies either inside or outside the PEB studio 212. Please label.
- Students must bring water bottles and are encouraged to label them to avoid confusion. Water bottles left behind will be disposed of.

- Classes will be run exactly 5 minutes shorter in length to give the teacher time to sanitize equipment in the facility, and the nearby bathroom.
- At the conclusion of the class, students are to wear masks and immediately exit the building unless a bathroom visit is essential.

Physical Distancing Measures

- Class sizes will be limited.
- Students will be educated to remain within their 'social distance' designations set apart from other students in the class at all times. Barres and the floor space will be designated.
- Partnering exercises will not be done at this time.
- Traveling across the floor exercises will be done no more than two by two and spaced.
- Registration will be done using a new online portal.
- Payments are to be made online. (Please see the Fee schedule for alternative methods.)