



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 from CDC regarding the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (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 adopting some new measures 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 a new procedure for **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 new guidelines listed below.

Mandatory Guidelines and Expectations:

Drop-off and pick-up procedures

- Parents will check a student's temperature before arriving on Campus.
- Parents will be sent a Remind text with the COVID screening form attached. This simple form will need to be filled and sent before class each day.
- We ask that all students arrive five minutes before class start time –
-No earlier and no later.
- No one who has any symptoms of cold/flu or who is feeling unwell in any capacity will be allowed entry to the PEB or studio space. If you suspect your child is ill please opt to keep the child home and contact dance@festivaldance.org
- Parents will be permitted into the building to assist with drop-off procedures and may wait in the downstairs waiting areas keeping to social distancing guidelines. Colleen Bialas, our new Director of Dance, will be on-hand to walk students in and out of the building, **specifically Monday -Thursday for the 3:30-4:30 travels**. Another staff member will be available on Fridays. Students are not to gather and walk-in groups. Assisted walking will be at 6 ft intervals and up the stairwell. **No students are to ride the elevator.**
- Instructors may inquire about each student's health upon entering.

- 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 to hang bags with personal belongings from hooks in the PEB studio 212.
- Students must bring their own 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 expected to exit the studio practicing physical distancing (at a 6ft distance from each other) and immediately exit the building unless a bathroom visit is essential.

Sanitation Procedures

- All studios, washrooms, and handrails will undergo thorough daily cleaning.
- Studio touch spots and barres will be cleaned before each class by the respective class teacher.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in the studio and office for students to use when entering and exiting the building.
- Bathrooms will be sanitized after each class. Spray disinfectant/sanitary wipes will be available.

Physical Distancing Measures

- Class sizes will be limited.
- Students will be educated to remain within their 'social distance' (6' apart) of other students in the class at all times. Barres and the floor space will be designated.
- When a student is given a spot on the barre, he/she must remain in that one spot for the barre's entirety.
- Tape marks will be put on the floor in each studio to support proper social distancing measures.
- Teachers will have no physical contact with students and corrections will be made vocally instead of physically. If a physical correction is needed it will be done with either a gloved or sanitized hand.
- 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 out 6' apart.
- Registration will be done using a new online portal.
- Payments are to be made online. (Please see the Fee schedule for alternative methods.)
- Meetings with artistic staff or office administration are recommended over the phone or virtually. However, we would love for our families to greet our new Dance Director. Her office hours will be mid-afternoons M-Th, and you may greet her from the entrance of PEB 120.