



Policies & Procedures for Safe Season 21-22

The following guidelines are based on government regulations and local policies similar to those at Zionsville Community Schools. Please take a minute to read through these plans in order to familiarize yourself and your dancer with our procedures. We ask that parents of younger students have a conversation with their child prior to their first dance class back discussing the new rules and expectations regarding social distancing, wearing a mask, and keeping their hands to themselves.

1. **Face masks required:** Children 5-11 years* and anyone 12+ that is NOT fully vaccinated. **Face masks strongly recommended:** Children under 5 and anyone 12+ that is vaccinated. We will be encouraging everyone to wear a mask if they can. Our #1 goal is to keep everyone healthy and stay open. *medical exceptions do apply.
2. Dancers are required to sanitize their hands upon entering the studios. Hand sanitizer will be given by the teacher or trained assistant when they enter the studio.
3. Dancers need to arrive to the studio in dance clothes. Dancers are encouraged to wear a cover-up to and from the building as desired. Dancers may put their street shoes in a cubby in the lobby and hang up any jackets.
4. Dancers may not enter the facility if they are exhibiting any symptoms, are awaiting a COVID test result, or have been knowingly exposed to COVID-19.
5. All touched surfaces (door handles, ballet barres, poly spots, etc) will be cleaned each night and/or week after classes.
6. Zoom options are available on a case by case basis. Please contact Traci@VillageDanceStudio.com if you would like more information.
7. If an unvaccinated dancer is contact traced we ask them not to return to dance class until they have received a negative COVID test result.
8. The lobby/waiting area for parents is open, but limited.
 - Parents will be allowed in the building to ask questions, make payments at the front desk, or use the restroom.
 - Parents are asked to come in the building to get their dancer settled in class and pick them up at the end of class. We will not be escorting them out to the cars like last year.
 - Parents of young dancers or dancers who may need additional assistance are welcome to stay in the lobby during some of their child's dance class to make sure they feel settled and comfortable.
 - In order to minimize health concerns and lobby capacity we ask parents, once their dancer is settled in to class, to NOT wait around in the lobby. (Exceptions are always made the first few weeks as we help the dancers adjust to class). Please only bring siblings in to the building for a short time.
 - *Note: Week 1 will have announcements for all parents– prior to classes beginning you will receive an email with details on this*

Policies & procedures may change based on local guidelines, covid numbers, and CDC recommendations.

**Thank you for your continued patience and understanding through all of these changes and policies.
We appreciate everyone's commitment to safety, and we can't wait to see you in class!**

Questions? Please email Traci@VillageDanceStudio.com

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