

What our Dance Families should expect when returning to Dance Art Media

We are incredibly & carefully excited to welcome our DAM dancers slowly and safely back into the studio! We have many new policies, guidelines, and best practices that will be implemented for the well-being of our students, clients, staff, and teachers.

Attention to detail when doing your part to honor these guidelines is so **greatly appreciated**. We at Dance Art Media want to thank you for all of your patience, effort, consideration, support, and assistance as we strive to maintain & foster a happy, healthy, and safe space for each of us to dance!

What our staff / facility procedures and responsibilities will be:

- **We will adhere to the guidance and best practice recommendations of the WHO, CDC, and most specifically, the JeffCo county health dept.**

- In order to enhance safety practices, all weekly class times have been temporarily modified to a **30 - 45 minute duration**. 15 minutes is allotted to each class so that faculty and staff can thoroughly sanitize the studio space and common areas between every class. These new class times will **ensure reduced traffic flow** and avoid excessive crossover of students in the hallways. Please understand & consider this as the necessary adjustment that it is.

- **We will be circulating fresh air into the space as much as possible**. Front and back doors will be open and overhead / exhaust fans will be running. Our intention is to avoid excessive use of the HVAC whenever possible and increase the flow of outside air circulating through the space.

- **Hand sanitizer will be everywhere** and students/teachers will hand sanitize in the middle of class during water breaks, washing hands before and after class, as well.

- **Staff, teachers, and dancers will all be health screened daily upon arrival.**

- **Masks will be strongly encouraged be worn while dancing**. Exceptions can be made if students are challenged with breathing issues or in private lessons.

- **Face shields (for sale @desk for \$8) will be an acceptable safe option for extenuating circumstances.**

- We ask for your patience and flexibility if we need to modify classes due to illness, social contact tracing, or possible exposure - **your safety is our TOP PRIORITY**.

- Our teaching and administrative staff have been updated on procedures for **conducting a socially distant dance class with 9 or less students 6 feet or more apart** from one another. You can be rest assured that we will not allow delinquency in such areas.

- While taking all these precautionary measures, it is important to note that **no one can guarantee a 100% risk free environment**. We will do everything possible in consideration for the safety and security of our dancers.

- The DAM Studios is committed to being a **SAFE SPACE ESCAPE** from the abundant, less attractive reality of this pandemic. We do **reserve the right to refuse service** to anyone who fails to respect our business practices.

- While never losing sight of the seriousness of this situation and remaining vigilant in our protocols, our goal is to be focused on **infusing the joy and passion for dance into each and every masked face that walks through our front door :)**

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What your responsibilities are:

- **Masks will be required** to be worn by all who enter the lobby, hallways, waiting areas, and public portions of the business. If dancers are in private lessons, masks are allowed to be removed once inside the studio. **Group class dancers will be required to either wear a mask or a face shield (available for \$8 at the desk)** Note- this policy will be revisited in July.

- We will need all to sign a **new liability waiver (just once)** and then we will need a **DAILY health screening questionnaire filled out for EVERY day that dancers / students attend classes** inside our facility. **THANK YOU** in advance for your due diligence with these processes :)

- We ask that dancers ages 7 and up be simply **dropped off and picked up at the front door** between the orange cones. Family members who wish to stay close by are asked to utilize the outdoor seating in front of the facility whenever possible.

- For students ages 6 and under, only one person accompanying each dancer is to escort dancers in and out of the building. Our 'outdoor lobby' seating will be encouraged during class time. (Translation - stay close if you'd like but please practice social distancing as diligently as possible and avoid hanging out too long in the lobby & hallways.

- We will have a front desk staff designated as 'safety officer' on site while dancers are present in the space with their teachers. Our desk and teaching staff have all graciously agreed to add these additional responsibilities to their job descriptions, wiping down surfaces, floors, etc. **Please be patient with everyone** as we now wear multiple hats - thank you:)

- **Non-contact temperature checks** will be performed routinely as part of daily screenings. - **Dancers : Upon entering the building, please go directly to the restroom and wash your hands thoroughly for 20 seconds or longer.**

- Please always maintain a **minimum of 6 feet or more of distance between yourself and others**. Chairs have been set in the hallways at the appropriate distance to assist with this practice. Thank you.

- Please arrive at the studio no more than 5 mins prior to class beginning. We ask that no one linger unnecessarily before or after class. Thank you.

- Dancers should please refrain from bringing excessive amounts of things inside with them. Please only bring what is needed - dance shoes / one bag & a water bottle.

- Devices carry lots of germs - **please leave all technical devices at home, in your car, or tucked away in your dance bag** - phones, ipads, game consoles etc. **NO UNNECESSARY DEVICE USAGE WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE STUDIO** (Our DAM guest wifi network is still available out front and/or from the parking lot ;)

- Staff and students will be required to wear only dance appropriate shoes or foot coverings while in the studio classroom. **NO BARE FEET UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

- **If you have any flu like symptoms, we ask that you stay home** - we will ALWAYS offer you make up classes under these circumstances. Dancers may be sent home if they show any symptoms of illness. Our studio staff has a clear plan in place for unexpected illnesses. Daily screenings will be performed, such as non-contact temperature checks - **health & safety is our TOP PRIORITY.**

- If you or anyone in your family tests positive for COVID-19 (or even simply shows potential symptoms), we expect that **you will notify Dance Art Media immediately**. Our facility will close down for the appropriately mandated amount of time to thoroughly sanitize according to CDC and Colorado Public Health and Safety guidelines. **Please do not EVER withhold any relevant health updates - be diligent and be considerate. Remember, we are truly all in this together.**