

## **COVID-19 Response**

### **Studio Plan for Dance Steps Studio, Inc.**

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Class ratio:

Saline Studio A	15 students (ages 3+) to one teacher
Saline Studio B	9 students (ages 3+) to one teacher
Tecumseh Studio A	10 students (ages 3+) to one teacher

#### **A. General Safety and Health Protocols**

- a. Lobby is closed to viewing, waiting or entry to non-dancers, exceptions listed in (C).
  - i. Saline Studio A - dancers and staff will enter and exit through the side door.  
Saline Studio B - dancers and staff will enter and exit through the front door.  
Tecumseh Studio A - dancers and staff will enter and exit through the front door.
- b. There is no food allowed.
- c. Dancers must bring personal water bottles. The Saline studio drinking fountain will be closed.
- d. Dance floors are marked a minimum of six feet to help maintain social distancing.
- e. Signage is posted to remind dancers and staff of social distancing.
- f. Social distancing plan and protocol has been shared with staff.
- g. Masks are required for all students and staff, unless diagnosed with medical health conditions (requires valid doctor's excuse).
- h. Dancers will be given water breaks and opportunities to rest, while still keeping social distancing.
- i. Each student must keep his/her personal items in an enclosed bag.
- j. Bathroom use is for emergencies only, and not to be used as a changing area.
- k. Dancers must come to the studio dressed in their dance attire.

#### **B. Dance Class Protocols**

- a. Dance rooms have been marked with social distancing areas. The marked space will be used as much as possible. When running choreography, dancers will maintain a safe social distance to adjust choreography as needed to adhere to social distancing guidelines.
- b. Dancers are required to wear masks on the premises, unless you have a valid doctor's excuse.
- c. Teachers will have limited physical contact with dancers. Verbal cues will be relied on heavily to correct and encourage body placement.
- d. Restroom use will be for emergencies, only.
- e. Dancers will be dismissed from class a few minutes early to assist in social distancing.
- g. Hand sanitizers are available in all lobbies and dance rooms.

**C. Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures Protocol**

**\*\*\*ALL DANCERS MUST WAIT OUTSIDE OR WITH A PARENT IN A CAR UNTIL THE TEACHER ALLOWS YOU IN THE STUDIO.\*\*\***

- a. Dancers 8 year of age and younger can be walked into the studio with one parent.
- b. Parents of the PreBallet classes may stay in the lobby during class to assist with clothing/shoe changes, as long as social distancing and mask protocols are followed.
- c. Dancers cannot be dropped off more than 5 minutes early for class or picked up more than 5 minutes late.
- d. Saline (Studio A) dancers will leave their belongings in their designated area in the studio and go directly to their socially distanced, assigned space.
- e. Saline (Studio B) and Tecumseh studio dancers will leave their belongings in a designated space in the lobby and go directly to their socially distanced, assigned space.
- f. Please be early for pick up. After class dancers will be dismissed from the dance room to their parents waiting outside or in cars in the parking area(s).

**E. Employee Training**

All staff participated in a training session to review all studio procedures. Any staff member not following studio protocol will not be allowed to teach.

Self screening by staff members:

- Do not come in to the studio if you are/having sneezing, coughing, runny nose, sore throat, fever of 100 or higher, have lost your sense of taste and/or smell.