

High Pointes Dance Academy

COVID-19 Update

HPDA has an established COVID-19 response and notification plan. Should HPDA become aware of any potential cases or contamination, all current students, staff and teachers will be notified via email as soon as possible. Should an event occur, HPDA will take all necessary steps to properly close off, disinfect and clear any studio or area needed. Should the need arise, any classes affected may move to virtual Zoom classes until the studio is cleared for classes to resume.

SAFE RETURN POLICIES & PROTOCOLS:

- *Teachers and Dancers are the only people permitted in the building during class hours.
- *Dancers 7 years of age and older must enter the studio without an Adult.
- *Masks are required to be worn in all common areas by all who enter the studio. Dancers may choose to dance without a mask during class time. Dancers must have a separate bag to store their mask in while it is not being worn. We suggest a paper bag or Large Baggy
- *Dance Studios will be cleaned regularly and between different cohorts each day
- *Bathrooms, door handles, light switches and all common surfaces will be disinfected hourly and between different cohorts
- *Class sizes have been reduced and the dance floor is clearly marked for each dancer to have a 6 foot distance from other dancers in the classroom.
- *Lobby's & Change rooms will remain closed at this time
- *HPDA staff will screen all dancers coming into the building
- *Dancers will enter the building through the front door into the lobby and exit after class through the backdoor out of Studio A
- *Microwaves and Fridges will not be available for student use at this time
- *Water Bottles are permitted and each dancer will have a designated space to place their water bottle to maintain a 6 foot distance from other dancers
- *Teachers will conduct all classes to allow and maintain physical distance
- *Dancers showing any signs of illness are to stay home
- *Hand Sanitizer will be located in the lobby, washroom and each studio in use. All dancers will need to use hand sanitizer upon entering the building and upon leaving the facility. Hand sanitizer is to be used after using the washroom.
- *Dancers with a temperature above 100.4 are not to come to class
- *We are creating an outdoor break area behind and to the side of the studio for our dancers and teachers (for our summer sessions only)
- *dancers showing any symptoms of COVID-19 or any illness will be isolated in a separate room until their parent/guardian arrives to get them.
- *15 minutes will be scheduled between classes to allow for cleaning and disinfecting
- *All suspected cases of COVID-19 will be reported to the local Health Unit
- *Should a teacher or staff member test positive for COVID-19, they will self-isolate for 14 days and not return to work without clearance from the Health Unit
- *All dancers and teachers will complete a daily Covid-19 Screening form before entering the facility.
- *Classes are only being taught in Studio A at this time to allow for maximum ventilation, 6 feet of physical distancing and preventing any student overlap when entering and exiting.
- *Studio floors have been taped to give each student their own dance space of 6x7feet.
- *Dancers will wear masks at all times in all Acro classes. No hands on spotting will be done at this time.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR OUR DANCERS:

- *Dancers must wear masks at all times when entering the facility, when using common areas ie: lobby, washrooms, exiting the building
- *Please be sure the studio has a contact number for the individual that is bringing your dancer to class in case we need to contact them
- *HPDA staff will welcome dancers into the building no more than 5 minutes prior to class start times.
- *HPDA staff will exit the dancers from the building using the back door. Parents please be on time.
- *Dancers should wear shoes that are easy to remove so transition times between classes are easier. Dancer's belongings will be placed in a designated space in the studio to maintain a 6 foot distance from others. Please don't bring any extra bags, jackets, sweaters, coats etc. Only arrive with what you need for your class. A small bag is permitted for your dance shoes, water bottle and any items necessary for class.
- *15 minutes will be scheduled between classes in order to disinfect the studio
- *Dancers that are taking multiple classes will remain in their designated space in the studio
- *Dancers who have been ill within 14 days of class time are not to come to class.
- *Dancers showing any signs of illness will not be permitted to enter the building and can continue their class from home over ZOOM or Google Meet
- *Dancers that do not comply with any policies put in place will be asked to continue their classes from home via Zoom or Google Meet.
- *Dance classes for dancers 4 and under will not be held at this time in the studio until Social Distancing measures have been lifted. All classes for this age group will be on ZOOM or Google Meet.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR OUR PARENTS:

- *The office will not be open to parents or dancers at this time. All questions should be done by email or over the phone.
- *Registration will not be done in person at this time
- *Parents will not be allowed to enter the studio or wait in the lobby at this time
- *No one is permitted into HPDA without wearing a mask.
- *Parents must sign the updated waiver before their dancer can enter the studio for their first class.
- *Parents will drop off or wait outside with their dancer until an HPDA teacher escorts them in. Dancers are allowed into the studio 5 minutes prior to class start time. Dancers will be escorted out the Back Door after their final class of the day. Parents are to wait outside this door to meet them at the end of class. Please do not be late.
- *We encourage all dancers to use the washroom facilities prior to coming to dance class.
- *Dancers can bring snacks and will be asked to sanitize their hands prior to eating and after eating.
- *Everyone entering and exiting the facility or using the washroom must sanitize their hands
- *Should we need to close the studio due to any COVID-19 restrictions, all classes will resume on ZOOM or Google Meet for the remainder of that month. Payments will then stop for any consecutive months until we can resume in studio classes.

Parents must consider the following before bringing their child to dance each day:

- *Have they or their child experienced any of the following symptoms recently? Fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, muscle or body aches, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, nausea or vomiting, abdominal pain diarrhea, unexplained fatigue or malaise, headaches, .
- *Have you participated in international travel by airplane in the last 14 days? If yes, stay home.
- *In the last 14 days, have you had close contact with a confirmed/probable COVID-19 case? If yes, stay home.
- *We will offer virtual ZOOM or Google Meet class options for dancers to participate in from home, should the need arise.