

## ENCORE DANCE ACADEMY COVID GUIDELINES

***\*All families must virtually initial and agree to our new policies and guidelines before attending their first class. You will be prompted in your Parent Portal.***

### **Daily COVID Screening Questions**

If anyone in your family has been feeling unwell, or if you have been in contact with anyone that is sick, we ask that you do not send your dancer to class. Please use the virtual option for class via Zoom. Each time you send your child to the studio please review the following:

**Today or in the past 24 hours, has your child experienced:**

- FEVER/CHILLS
- NEW MUSCLE ACHES
- COUGH
- SORE THROAT
- DIARRHEA
- DIFFICULTY BREATHING
- UNEXPLAINED RASH
- NEW LOSS OF SMELL OR TASTE

If you answered "yes" to any of the above questions, your child is unfortunately unable to enter the building. We ask that you please use the virtual option for class via Zoom. You must provide a negative COVID-19 ***PCR test*** result no more than ***72 hours*** following onset of symptoms OR must be cleared by a physician via documentation in order to return to the studio. If you refuse to get the student tested, please remain home for 10 days from symptom onset. Student must be cleared by a physician with documentation in order to return to the studio.

**In the past 14 days:**

- Has anyone in your household been diagnosed with COVID-19?
- Have you had close contact (unmasked) with a person known to be infected with COVID-19?

If you answered "yes" to any of the above questions, your child is unfortunately unable to enter the building. We ask that you please use the virtual option for class via Zoom. Please self-quarantine for at least 10 days from known exposure. At the end of the quarantine period, individual must be cleared by a physician via documentation in order to return to the studio.

### **Classroom/Studio Protocols:**

- Students will maintain social distance from classmates and teachers. The only time social distance will be broken is to run through a routine (competition students & recital routines) or when a teacher is assisting or correcting a student. Teachers/students will sanitize their hands if contact is made. Social distance will never break the 15 minute cumulative threshold as guided by the CDC.
- All staff, students and visitors are required to wear a mask at all times while inside our building. Student's in our Little Movers Program (age 2 and under) do not need to wear a mask, per the guidance of the CDC.
- We have increased the number of sanitizing stations throughout the studio. We require that anyone entering the studio sanitize upon entry and exit.
- All staff members have received training regarding social distancing and hygiene protocols.

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- All staff members will monitor their temperature throughout the week and will have their temperature checked the day(s) they are working.
- All classrooms areas including the floors will be sanitized in between every class exchange. Bathrooms, lobby areas and high touch areas will be properly sanitized every hour. Every cleaning will be logged by our staff.
- All studios and lobby areas will be equipped with hepafiltration systems to circulate airflow.

### **Travel Outside of Massachusetts**

Should you need to quarantine or wait to be tested, please know your child will still be able to participate in class virtually. Simply email the office 6-12 hours before your child's class and we will set you up with your Virtual Dance Experience.

We encourage anyone planning to travel outside of Massachusetts to review our COVID guidelines. These protocols protect us all and help keep transmission levels as low as possible. Please note, in conjunction with regulations provided by ma.gov, we require proof of a negative result from a molecular (PCR) SARS-CoV2 test administered on a sample taken no longer than 72 hours before your arrival back in Massachusetts. Negative results or a doctor's note stating it is safe to return to activities must be emailed to our offices to be kept on file.

If you have specific questions involving travel to other residences you may own in another state (drivable only), please contact our office via phone or email.

We are also encouraging anyone who gathers with family or friends outside of their immediate household to monitor how everyone in the home is feeling. Please do not send your child to dance if they are feeling unwell or if someone is sick in your household. These protocols are in place to ensure that our in person classes can stay open.

### **Protocol for Handling COVID-19 Symptoms and Exposures**

#### *Individual is Symptomatic:*

- Student or teacher will stay home from the studio. Individual should be tested for COVID-19. Students may take class via Zoom. Teachers will find coverage for their classes.
- Individual must show proof of a negative COVID-19 **PCR test** and must be cleared by a physician via documentation in order to return to the studio.
- Refusal to get tested – Individual must remain home for 10 days from symptom onset. Students may take class via Zoom. Student must be cleared by a physician with documentation in order to return to the studio.

#### *Student or Teacher Receives Confirmed Positive COVID-19 Test:*

- Student or teacher must notify the studio of a positive test result. Any close contacts will be notified. Since EDA adheres so strict mask wearing and social distancing protocols, no one in the room would be considered a close contact and will not require further testing or quarantining.

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- Our studio adheres to stringent cleaning protocols of the studio spaces, lobby areas and all high touch surfaces - in between classes and at the end of each day. All studios are equipped with hepafiltration systems to circulate the air. All staff members are required to wear proper face coverings at all times. All students ages 3 and above are required to wear masks at all times. In accordance with advice from local health officials, any students or teachers who were in the same closed classroom will not be impacted because of mask wearing, social distancing and cleaning protocols.

### General Requirements

- Waiting areas will be restricted. For dancers ages Pre-School 1 and up we will be requiring drop off only. If you are not comfortable leaving your child entirely, we encourage you to wait in your car in our Main Parking Lot or Colonial Manor Parking Lot. Parents of dancers enrolled in Baby Dance - one parent may be allowed inside if it is deemed absolutely necessary - please, no siblings. If your child enters willingly, we will ask you to wait in your car in our Main Parking Lot or Colonial Manor Parking Lot. Please note our lobby is limited to 8 patrons at any time.
- “Camera Weeks” will be via Zoom until further notice. For a list of “Camera Weeks” please visit our website under → GENERAL INFO → IMPORTANT DATES.
- We encourage all families to make their tuition and other payments through the Parent Portal.
- All water dispensers have been closed. Please make sure your dancer brings plenty of water to class in a clearly marked water bottle. Dancers are not allowed to bring food into the studio at any time.
- Dancers will not be allowed in the studio until 5-10 minutes before their scheduled class. There will be a staff member monitoring the door.
- All dressing rooms are closed and off limits. Cubbies will not be available. The Lost and Found and Shoe Swap have been removed. Anything left at the studio at the end of the night will be disposed of to maintain sanitary conditions.
- Dancers need to arrive dressed and ready for class. There will be no changing allowed in the restrooms. Dancers will bring all their belongings into the classroom with them. They will change shoes in there.
- Upon the end of class, dancers will be escorted to the Main Lobby doors for dismissal. Please have a parent or guardian waiting outside the Main Lobby Doors – please maintain social distance while waiting. **DO NOT BE LATE FOR PICKUP.**
- Class size limits will follow guidelines implemented by state and federal organizations.