

NHPA II Safety Guidelines & Policies

We're so excited to begin welcoming dancers back into the studio! Please see our updated policies and procedures below. These guidelines and procedures are in line with the CDC and state of Texas regulations to keep our students, staff, and families safe during this time.

1. Dancers will be dropped off at the studio with dance clothes on or dance clothes on under street clothes. Please make sure all dance wear is clean and has not been worn anywhere else since it has last been washed.
No Dancers will be allowed to change clothes in the bathrooms.
2. Dancers will wait in their car to enter the studio instead of in the lobby. Dancers will be escorted into the studio and out of the studio by the teacher. Parents we will need your help to keep the schedule running smooth during the class transitions going into the studio and leaving the studio. Please be prompt picking up your dancer so we may complete our cleaning procedures and welcome our next group of dancers into the studio on time.
3. The Lobby will not be open at this time for Parents. Parents must wait in their cars or return to the studio at pickup time. Parents will be able to observe the class via Zoom if they wish to do so.
4. Please respect social distancing guidelines while outside the studio. Staff will let dancers in at the start of their class. Some classes will enter through the main entrance and some classes will enter from the door on the left under the small awning; depending on which dance room their class is in.
5. Temperature checks will be taken before the dancer enters the studio. Anyone with a temperature over 100 will not be admitted inside. Once a dancer has passed the temperature screening, they will be brought inside the studio and will be asked to sanitize their hands. Hands will again be sanitized at the end of class, and teachers will dismiss dancers one at a time through the same door they entered.
Masks are to be worn by all dancers and teachers at all times.
6. All dancers will be required to sanitize their hands anytime they touch their face or any surface in the dance room.
7. All dancers age 5+ will be required to wear masks at all times. The Teachers will be mindful of the level of activity during class. More focused technique instruction and progressions may be offered to provide the same level of instruction with less repetition of highly strenuous activities.
8. Dancers will have an individual place for their items. Please send only a dance bag and a water bottle with your dancer. No other items will be permitted.
9. Our water cooler will not be available during this time. Dancers will need to bring their own water bottle to each class.
10. The dance room will have blocked off boxes and each dancer will be in their own individual space. Dancers will remain 6-9 feet apart.
11. The studio will be cleaned between each group of dancers, and all high touch surfaces will be disinfected.
12. We will keep our normal attendance records to be able to provide contact tracing information if needed. If you cannot attend class, please let us know along with the reason so we can keep accurate records. We will continue to provide Zoom feeds of our in studio classes for students who cannot or do not feel safe attending in person.
13. We would like to try to keep the use of the bathrooms to a minimum. Please try to use the restroom before coming to the studio. We do know situations will come up, so if a dancer uses the restroom they will be required to wash their hands afterwards before returning to class. Bathrooms will be cleaned and sanitized after each use.

Questions for you to consider before coming to the studio:

1. In the past 24 hours, have I or my child experienced:
 - Fever equal or greater than 100
 - Chills/Body Aches
 - New or worsening cough
 - Shortness of breath or trouble breathing

- Sore throat
- New loss of smell and/or taste
- Diarrhea or vomiting
- Has my child tested positive for COVID-19?
- Has someone in my household tested positive for COVID-19?
- Is anyone in my household currently sick or immunocompromised?
- Have I had close contact with anyone that has been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the past 2 weeks?

If the answer is **YES** to any of these questions, please **DO NOT** bring your dancer to the studio.

Small Dance Room: Class capacity will be capped off at 9 dancers with 1-2 staff members, never to exceed 11 people.

Large Dance Room: Class capacity will be capped off at 12 dancers with 1-3 staff members never to exceed 15 people.

Guidelines may be updated at any time with new information from the County, State, or Federal Government. We reserve the right to offer additional safety precautions outside of government guidelines to best protect our students, staff, and families.

While we will do our best to provide the safest environment possible and minimize risks, there is an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 in any public place where people are present. By attending classes you voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19 as stated in the liability waiver which must be signed before returning to the studio.

Thank you for doing your part to keep our studio community healthy and we look forward to seeing you soon!

-The Teachers