



Procedures & Protocols updated in response to COVID-19

The following have been developed in order to resume business as directed by the CDC and the Minnesota Department of Health. Any considerations to move towards face-to-face service is being done with the utmost care and consultation of our local leaders and authorities.

During any/all phases, all classes will be RECORDED and LIVE STREAMED via ZOOM links, so all dancers can still participate, no matter what the circumstances. Participants that have been exposed or have shown covid-19 symptoms should stay home. If a participant has had a fever within 72 hours, they are required to stay home.

NOTE: If you think you have been exposed to Covid-19, have any of these symptoms, or if you have traveled outside the country in the last 14 days, please do not enter the building.

- Fever 100.4 degrees or higher or feeling feverish
- Chills
- A new cough
- Shortness of breath
- A new sore throat
- New muscle aches
- New headache
- New loss of smell or taste

Phase 1: The studio will reopen for instructors, solos, duets & trios to teach classes from our studio

- STAFF will be trained for preparedness of PHASE 1, 2 & 3.
- 1-5 people per classroom
- Instructors will check in at the door to fill out the questionnaire each day.

- Temperature will be taken and recorded (pass/fail)
- Questions will be asked and recorded (if YES)
- All who enter must use sanitizing spray before entering classrooms
- Disinfecting and cleaning to be done in between classes (on surfaces that were touched) and each night and with more levels of detail to all surfaces.

Phase 2: The studio will open to instructors and small groups as given by the guideline of the CDC and social distancing. Classes will be staggered for each studio so there is not a “bottleneck” of students entering the building at one time. Teachers will greet the dancers at the entrance of their classroom (side entrances will be utilized, to avoid gathering in the LOBBY) Teachers will allow for time after dismissal to clean, disinfect and prepare for the next class to begin. Water fountains will be closed. Water bottles will be expected to be brought to class, and thrown out if left behind.

- Only dancers and instructors will be in the facility

- All those coming through the doors will be stopped by the entrance to be asked questions each day.
 - Have you been in contact with anyone infected with covid-19 recently
 - Have you had a fever within the past 48 hours
 - Temperature taken and recorded (pass/fail)
 - All who enter must use sanitize or wash hands and arms before entering classrooms
 - Anyone not saying “NO” to questions, or having a temperature over 99.4 will be sent home. Parents will be called and children will not be permitted into the facility.
 - Disinfecting and cleaning to be done each night and with more levels of details to all surfaces.

Phase 3: The studio reopens for all groups while continuing the social distancing of students.

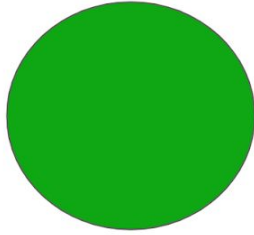
- Students who have compromised immune systems will continue to practice via virtual and or have the option to wear protective wear.
- Dancers ONLY in the building for all team and older age dancers allowed.
- Recreational dancers of a younger age will be asked to have only 1 person in per student, or if comfortable, will be escorted in by teachers and/or assistant teachers. It is preferred that any parents wait in their vehicle while waiting for classes to proceed.
- All those coming through the doors will be stopped by the entrance ask questionnaire each day.
 - Temperature taken and recorded
 - Questions asked and recorded
 - All who enter must sanitize or wash hands before entering classrooms
 - Disinfecting and cleaning to be done each night and with more levels of details to all surfaces.

Phase 4: Business resumes as usual, no restrictions in place.

Emergency Communication

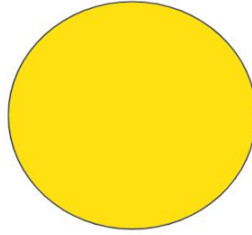
Effective immediately , we will be establishing a family emergency communication so that at all times there will be a colored background in the header of our [TEAM APP](#) indicating to families what the status of classes is for the day. If it's green it means that classes are happening as usual. If yellow, it means we are proceeding with some kind of changes, so please check your announcements/email for further instructions. Red means stop, stay home and learn online.

Summer/Fall



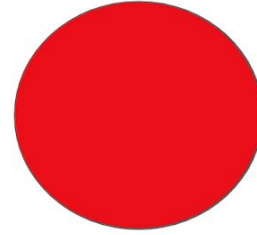
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Classes as usual



CAUTION:

Proceed with changes



STOP:

Stay home and learn online

For face to face (in studio) learning a release form will need to be on file. The wording of this release form is as follows:

. I desire that my child participate in performing arts education with Dance Express, and that as a result he or she may come in contact with other children and/or adults in which there is a possibility that he or she may come in contact with a communicable disease. I understand that the above referenced organizations will attempt to protect my child as best as possible but acknowledging eliminating all potential contact with others is impossible. I fully understand and accept the risk of such contact to my child and hereby release said Dance Express, its employees, officers and/or agents and , its employees, officers and/or agents from any and all liability, known and unknown as a result of his or her participation in performing arts education on and activities with Dance Express. This release will stay in full force and effect for as long as my child participates in the activities provided by the aforementioned organization or I expressly revoke this release in writing to their addresses below.

We are now into the 2020-21 season. This year (2020-21) has been an unprecedented year due to the restrictions of the Covid-19 pandemic. As we move forward, there may be times that we are forced to return to online learning format. There may be other times where dancers will need to rotate from "face to face" learning, with "online" learning to allow for more students to learn choreography and to be considered for a "large group" or "line" (over 10 dancers). Dance Express will do their best to avoid this from happening, there may be times when this is necessary. Please note: Dance Express will always do their part in complying with government guidelines & restrictions due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

You can to sign the [RELEASE FORM HERE](#)