

Studio Procedures and Protocols

We will continue to adhere to the Covid-19 procedures and protocols set in place to ensure our facility is a safe environment for all of our staff, students and families. In order to maintain the guidelines required by the State of Texas, CDC, and WHO, we are enacting the following procedures:

1. Medical grade air purifiers have been purchased and placed in each dance room as well as two for the lobby area.
2. We will be taking everyone's temperature as they enter the studio.
3. Staff will be sanitizing all door knobs in the facility every hour.
4. Hand sanitizer will be located throughout the lobby and studios. Please ask if you cannot find one.
5. Classroom doors will remain open. Please do not unnecessarily touch door knobs.
6. We will not be using ballet barres in lower level classes. We will do our barre work in center floor. Center Barre requires students to focus even more on strengthening arms, legs, back, and abdominal muscles. Barres will only be used for pointe work.
7. Children will be spaced 7' apart in class. We have placed green dots on the floor for visual confirmation.
8. Reward stickers will be placed on leotards only. We will be limiting one sticker per child.
9. No hugging, high fives or fist bumps. We will bow/curtsy to say goodbye to groups and individuals.
10. Office business will be by appointment or telephone only. If you need to talk to Ms. Debbie, please call the studio at (281) 265-1042 or email at cookiejoedance@hotmail.com. No walk-ins.
11. Asian American Dance Co. and Jazz Co. classes will be postpone. Due to cancellation of large events and galas. Ballet Grace will continue on Saturday after regular classes. Auditions for Ballet Grace will be on Saturday, September 19 at 2:30 pm. Open to dancers turning 10 y.o. and up during the 2020-2021 season.
12. Because dance is a hands-on activity, teachers will be physically correcting students. They will use hand sanitizer after contact with each student.

New protocols we are implementing for our students and families:

1. Only one parent/caregiver per student may enter the studio for the Young Primary, Ballet/Tap and Level 1 students. If Parent/caregiver is staying we ask that you stay inside the building at all times. No in/out privileges. You are NOT required to stay.
2. NO siblings in the studio. For your convenience, a staff member will be at the designated car drop off/pick up area in front of the studio to receive students. It is marked by orange cones for the safety of the kids. A staff member will be there 15 minutes before class to receive your child. Please be prepared for long lines by allowing sufficient time for coming in and going out. It is imperative that dancers arrive on time.

3. For Level 2 and up, please drop off at the designated car drop off/pick up area in front of the studio. It is marked by orange cones for the safety of the kids. A staff member will be there 15 minutes before class to receive your child. Please be prepared for long lines by allowing sufficient time for coming in and going out. It is imperative that dancers arrive on time.
4. Class times will be staggered to help maintain flow of students and social distancing protocols.
5. For pickup, each student must have a parent/caregiver either come through the designated car drop off/pick up area in front of the studio (Marked by orange cones for the safety of the kids) or walk up to the pick-up door in front (door will be labeled with Pick-Up sign).
6. Students must go directly to their classroom and sit on a green dot after they have stored their bag and shoes into a cubby.
7. Please practice social distancing. Only sit on designated spots on benches. Please prepare to leave the building immediately after class. There will be no congregating in the lobby after class.
8. Please do not use the water fountain; however, you may bring a water bottle with you to class. All water bottles will remain outside of classrooms and must be labeled with the student's name. Sharpies will be provided for labeling, but please note all of the kids will be using the same markers. Water bottles should be labeled and placed outside of classrooms before class begins.
9. The dressing room is closed, so dancers must get dressed at home. Cover ups are still mandatory to enter and exit the studio.
10. For sanitary reasons, we will not be able to loan shoes. If your student does not have shoes, they are welcome to dance barefoot. If you do not have convertible tights, we have them in studio. Call (281) 265-1042 and Ms. Debbie will have them ready for your student and will charge your account. Please do not come to the office.
11. Makeup classes are via Zoom only.
12. Masks are required upon entering the building.
13. Our restrooms will be available, but in order to limit any type of contact from one student to another, please have your students use the restroom before coming to class.
14. Please do not use hand dryers. Paper towels are provided in each restroom.
15. Drivers are required to have written permission letters with a copy of their valid Texas Driver's License. Please email them to CookieJoeDance@hotmail.com.
16. If you are carpooling, please email consent letter to CookieJoeDance@hotmail.com at least 24 hours before your class.