PERKINS School of the Arts

Reopening Procedures

Dear PSA Family Members,

As valued members of our dance family, we have implemented the following rules as we proceed in our opening.

We will continue to monitor and implement the local, state, and federal recommendations as they're announced and make changes as necessary. We will take each week, or day-to-day, into consideration as it approaches and keep you updated on what's happening.

We take pride in our facility and how it operates and would like to highlight the policies we have in place at the studio to help our dance families stay healthy and safe.

FIRST AND FOREMOST, PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU SIGN THE WAIVER THAT IS ATTACHED ON YOUR EMAIL. (WAIVERS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR, AS WELL AS MASKS IN CASE SOMEONE FORGETS THEIR OWN.)

Prevention Steps:

• ENTRY: All students will enter the building through the front entrance door.

Here's How This Will Work...

1. THE LOBBY IS CLOSED PER THE STATE: we are asking all parents/guardians to bring your dancer to the main entrance door, drop off your child, and either wait in your car or drop off and pick up. You may sit outside in the parking lot as long as you are 6 ft. a part. We feel closing our waiting room will eliminate group gatherings as well as contaminating many areas in the lobby.

2. All children will have their temperature taken with a touchless laser thermometer. Anyone with a temp over 99 degrees will not be allowed in.

3. Once your student is dropped off and has had their temp taken, they will be asked to use hand sanitizer. After that they will take their place in designated areas with their group until everyone has arrived and sanitized.

4. Per rules set forth by the state we are required to wear facemasks. Everyone MUST wear facemasks while in public places. All employees must wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), including appropriate face coverings to the greatest extent possible.

5. Pick-up & Drop off: Please make sure you are not late for classes. You should get there 10-15 min early due to the protocol upon entering the building. We have to clean & disinfect in between each level/class, so classes will run on time.

6. Dancers WILL NOT have access to the kids room or changing in bathrooms. They must bring their own dance bag for items. Bag should have their name on It and be as small as possible. Always have sneakers with you in case we are outside!

7. Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement MUST BE signed by parent or dancer if 18 years of age or older to be able to practice in studio/in person practices.

• Sanitizer: We have hand sanitizer in dance room and at the front door. Students will be asked to use it frequently. If you'd prefer your own, students are permitted to bring it in their dance bag.

THERE IS NO FOOD ALLOWED IN THE BUILDING...NO SNACKS, NO CANDY!! WARDROBE: LEOTARD, TIGHTS OR LEGGINGS ARE ALL ALLOWED. NO BOOTY SHORTS AL-LOWED WITH OUT TIGHTS. NO BARE FEET! MAKE SURE YOU HAVE SOCKS BESIDES ALL PROP-ER SHOES. IF THIS CHANGES AS WE GO I WILL LET YOU KNOW!

EVERYONE WILL NEED A 1 INCH YOGA/PILATES MAT WITH THEIR NAME ON IT. THIS WILL HELP WHEN LAYING ON THE FLOOR/STRETCHING.

• No Close Contact: we will be adjusting many things in our dance room to avoid contact. Dance practice will adhere to Dancers will not be permitted to hold hands, high five, or touch each other in any way. NO CONTACT. We will also ensure that they are not in close-proximity to each other (Practice room will have taped floors for 6-foot proximity between each dancer). If you can please remind them to keep to themselves, they all love to hug each other :)

• Surface Cleaning: After classes we are wiping down frequently touched surfaces and equipment with cleaner. Every evening everything is wiped down.

• Staff: Only healthy staff members (without symptoms) will be allowed in the building.

How You Can Help:

• Do not bring your dancer to class if they are coughing, sneezing, have a fever, stomach-ache, head ache, body aches, sore throat, chest congestion, diarrhea, vomiting, or any other illness.

• Do not bring your dancer to class if a family member that lives in the same household is ill with any of the above symptoms

• Don't bring items from home that are not required for class.

• Don't break any formal quarantine/government restrictions. IF THE STATE DROPS IN FOR A VISIT AND WE ARE DOING ANYTHING WRONG, THEY WILL SHUT US DOWN!!!!

• Encourage your dancer to cough/ sneeze into their arm not in their hand and to not touch other dancers or their coaches.

At this time PSA will open with these restrictions until directed otherwise. Each family is encouraged to make their own decision about coming to the studio, please do what you feel comfortable with and what makes the most sense for you and your family. Your health and safety are most important to us!!

NEW to the 2021 season, we will be offering every class virtually in real time. If you are not feeling well or not comfortable in a live class, you can contact the studio and the class can be live streamed. We ask for an hour notification before the start of class or a pre-scheduled list of the classes you wish to take and we will make sure the class is streamed.

The HEALTH of our dancers and families is a top priority! Please know that we are here to address any concerns or issues and are happy to hear from you on additional ways we can keep our dance community healthy!

Thank you for all the love and support, NOW LET'S DANCE!!!!!!

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