

2021-2022 Covid Policy and Guidelines:

HDC is very excited for the start of our 2021-22 Dance Season - right around the corner!! At this time, there are remaining concerns which we must address as we do our part to keep our students, families and staff as safe as possible.

As we navigate the opening of the studio for the upcoming season, please note:

- At this time, our **lobby space will, again, be closed to parents, siblings and guests** with the exception of first-time students OR our Tiny Tot parents. These parents will be allowed to walk in with their dancer and leave once we have their child settled in their class. These plans will be revisited and adjusted in accordance to case numbers.
- Parents and dancers will be asked to use **hand sanitizer upon entry**.
- **We will once again be taking your temperature** with a Forehead Thermometer upon entering the studio lobby. If your **temperature reading is over 99** degrees Fahrenheit you will not be allowed to attend class. We regret having to begin this process again but feel it will add a layer of safety.
- **We will still require that notification be sent to Gail@hdcdance.com if your dancer or anyone in your home test positive for Covid.**
 - Any positive student will be required to stay home for 10 days from the date of test or first symptom.
 - If the positive student was in the studio 48 hours prior to symptoms or test we will notify the members of their class/team only.
 - We will do our best to identify any close contacts that **we are aware of** within the class and notify those individuals (within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more).
 - All close contacts to the positive student will need to stay out of the studio for 10 days OR 7 days with no symptoms and a negative test before returning to class.

Currently, we are not planning to offer regular Zoom class alternatives for a child's self-isolation period. This could change based on the number of students involved in a required quarantine. We do plan to offer exceptions on a case-by-case basis.
If or when Zoom is offered as an alternative, it would be similar to a 'Shadowing' experience for the student, where they would use a provided link to drop-in to certain classes. It would be the student's responsibility to watch class and/or participate as much as they can. Connectivity Issues or troubleshooting would need to go through the front desk, not the individual teacher of the class. *We just simply do not have the ability to dedicate a team to running and managing Zoom classes weekly, and we have found that there are often diminishing returns when teachers must manage both in-person and online learning at the same time. Thank you for understanding.*

Below is a more comprehensive list of safety measures the studio will have in place when we open, and we will re-evaluate these measures as the situation develops based on new or updated guidelines.

Please arrive 5-10 minutes prior to your scheduled class so that you will have time to go through the required safety measures :

- 1. Required use of hand sanitizer upon entering the studio (you may also bring your own)*
- 2. Temperatures checked on forehead upon entering*
- 3. Hand sanitizer will be available in rooms and at front desk (soap in the bathrooms)*

4. *Dancers need to social distance themselves at least 6 feet if not wearing a mask. Dancers must wear mask when social distancing is not possible. (dancers should have a mask with them at all times) At this time, Mask will remain optional for all ages as well as the HDC staff provided students and staff are socially distanced. If you can't remain 6 ft apart, we ask that a mask be worn. This may change as cases rise or decline within our community.*
5. *High Touch areas and floors will continue to be cleaned with alcohol-based products and disinfectants. The studio upgraded the HVAC filters being used in 2020 and will continue this process.*
6. *Dancers will need to put all items in their lockers (Company) and all Recreational dancers will be directed to leave bags/shoes in a designated area in each studio.*
7. *The water fountain will remain closed but the refill fountain can be used. Dancers are asked to bring their own water bottle. Dancers younger than 10 must request the help of the front desk staff to refill their water bottle.*
8. *Quarantine guidelines as stated above – positive students and identified close contacts staying home at least 10 days from first symptom or positive test. May return at 7 days with no symptoms and a negative test.*
9. *A student will not need to quarantine if they have had Covid within a 90 window of being identified as a close contact. If you have been fully vaccinated you do not need to quarantine but should get tested within 3 to 5 days of the exposure or wear a mask in the studio for the preceding 10 days.*