

Covid-19 Policies for Re-opening

Updated Sept. 26, 2020 – Florida is now in Phase 3

Dear Dance & Circus Arts Students and Families,

We are very excited to welcome you back to Dance & Circus Arts for classes in safe and healthy ways!

We are hard at work to make sure that our studio is as safe as possible for our students and teachers. We are grateful to have you by our side as we chart this new course. Your patience, cooperation and sense of personal responsibility are essential as we learn how to keep each other safe.

The nature of an infectious disease such as COVID-19 makes it impossible for us to guarantee anyone's health in our studios and we are reopening with the understanding that sudden and abrupt changes could interfere with our programming again. We are mitigating and reducing risk based on guidelines from the CDC, the Florida Department of Health and Pinellas County guidelines. We will be taking various measures that will change as the situation changes but it is impossible for us to remove the risk entirely.

Please carefully review our updated policies and procedures listed below. You will also be asked to sign our *Daily Health Check Agreement* prior to each visit to our facility.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to us. Your support has brought us this far and we know we will move forward as a community together.

New Class Policies dated 9/28/20:

- Currently Class capacity will be limited to 10 persons.
- Currently we are unable to teach 'risky' material that would likely need hands-on spotting.
- Currently we are unable to teach brand new Circus students due to the need for hands-on spotting with lack of social distancing. All Dance classes are fine for new Students.
- Currently we are unable to teach any Circus partner work.
- Increased daily cleaning, as well as cleaning of all high touch surfaces in between each use, including apparatus.

Before you arrive:

- All Students must be registered and paid online at least 24 hours before arriving for class.
- Please come with your own full water bottle and mask. Mask must be an over-the-ear mask and not tie behind the head.
- If you feel sick or unwell in any way, please stay at home. We will figure out a make-up class or refund for this time unused.

- You must show up in your dance/workout clothes, as the bathrooms may not be used as changing rooms.
- Please arrive approximately 15 minutes prior to your start of class, as it will take time to check-in all of the students.

When you arrive and while you are at the Studio:

- Drop-off / Entrance to the studio is as usual. Please wait with social distancing until it is your turn to enter.
- Though we are excited to see each other, please refrain from hugs or high fives. We do encourage waves, air-fives, jazz-hands, bow and curtsies!
- Only registered students will be allowed to enter the building (no parents or visitors). A staff person will be at the front door to check students in with our Daily Health Survey, temperature check and blood oxygen level. Please arrive early so we can get classes started on time.
- You will be required to sign the Daily Health Survey prior to every visit to the studio. This will be available at the Front Door each day.
- You will be given hand sanitizer on arrival and will wash your hands periodically through the class.
- You must wear a mask that hooks over the ears, not tie behind the head, during your entire stay at the studio. If you need to remove your mask (to drink water or catch your breath) you should move away from others to do so.
- Everyone, including staff and teachers, must maintain a minimum 6 feet distance apart unless closer contact is absolutely necessary.
- Only one person in the bathroom at a time. We will be sanitizing throughout the day/evening.

After class:

- You will be reminded to disinfect/wash your hands.
- Pick-up for Dance/ Main Front door of Studio as usual. Pick up for Circus/Circus Door in Suite G (next door to the right).
- Faculty and staff will sanitize equipment and all high touch surfaces prior to admitting the next class.

If you start to have COVID-19 symptoms, please isolate yourself following the CDC's instructions: [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick)

Thank you for reading to these new policies designed to keep everyone as safe as possible. As we move forward and see that there are no upticks of health matters through the next months, we will loosen our safety protocols and increase class sizes, including new students.

We are excited to have you back in the studio with us and look forward to working with you in the future!

Wishing you good health,

The Staff at Dance & Circus Arts of Tampa Bay ☺