



Dear Parents & Dancers,

Based on the recent news of the Public Health Crisis, our studio is planning to re-open our doors for Phase 2. We are taking our time to prepare the studio and adjust a few class times to assure everyone is safe while at DEA! While we are looking forward to having dancers back in the building, we must remain smart about this and comply with all stipulations laid forth by our Governor. Please review the following policies we've put in place below and review the attached updated class schedule prior to June 1<sup>st</sup>. If for some reason Phase 2 does not move forward by June 1<sup>st</sup> we will contact our families with a new re-opening date.

**DEA PLANS TO RE-OPEN MONDAY, JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>  
YOUR DANCERS SAFETY IS OUR TOP PRIORITY!**

**What is the safety protocol?**

**EMPLOYEES**

- All employees will wash their hands upon entering the studio. If they feel ill, they will be asked to stay home.
- Employees will not have access to common areas only the back office and classrooms.
- All employees will practice social distancing while at the studio.
- We will continue to analyze the situation and decide upon opening if employees will be required to wear masks.
- Following each class, teachers will sanitize the room (including door handles, floors, barre) and wash their hands and open the door for the next class to enter.
- Classes will be 50 minutes long to allow for entering/exiting and sanitization.
- Focus for class will be on warm up and recital.

**DANCERS**

- "Six-Feeet-Safe" in the classrooms. The floor is marked to show dancers where to stand. Many of our little ones already know this as we've implemented "spots" and dancing on our colored floor props previously.
- "Parking Spots" for dance bags and shoe changes are also "Six-Feeet-Safe." Lockers will not be used.
- Social-distancing upon entering and exiting the building. Any classes that are scheduled in **Studio 5** will use the entry door that leads directly into studio 5. We will have signage to direct students to this door verse our main entry.
- Masks are not mandatory however can be worn by choice. It is very difficult to breathe while exercising with a face covering and we are also aware of health issues that can occur due to rebreathing CO2 instead of fresh air when exercising. We do not recommend that dancers wear masks for the same reason and younger children may find them uncomfortable or as an added distraction in class.
- Ballet Barres and Acro mats will not be used.
- Shoes/socks must be worn in all dance styles moving forward. No dance paws or bare feet. If you are in Acro we recommend wearing a jazz shoe or sneaker.
- A "restroom attendant" will be sanitizing the door, handles, faucets, light switch and toilet after each use. For those students coming in for one class, we ask you to encourage your dancer to use the restroom at home before coming to DEA. We prefer emergency use only!

- The water fountains will be closed. Please send your child to dance with their own personal or disposable water bottle.
- Class times may be modified for transition times, cleaning in between classes and to limit the number of people in the building.
- The parent viewing area/lobby will remain closed during class time to all viewers aside from Combo parents. We will allow only one parent in the viewing area and no additional relatives/siblings.
- Parents for levels 1+ are recommended to wait in the parking lot during class time and can view their child's class live via zoom. If doing so, please mute our microphone and turn off your video. All classes will be live.

## **DROP- OFF & PICK UP CHECKLIST**

- “Drop-Off” your dancer at the front entrance. To limit the number of people in the building, only students, staff and faculty will be allowed in the studio. Our office assistant will be at the door controlling this process and checking in your student. As listed above, any student whose class takes place in studio 5 will use the studio 5 entry door after check in. We appreciate everyone's cooperation on this matter!
- Dancer will be greeted at the door, temperature will be taken and then they will proceed to their class room. Students will be required to use hand sanitizer upon entering the building.
- Parents will cross check their contact information at the door with our office assistant.
- All items will be brought into the class room and placed in their own designated space.
- Classes will be released five to ten minutes early to accommodate the pick-up process.
- Classes will be released one at a time through the front entry or studio 5 door. We will have our office assistant and faculty help release the kids safely and will watch over any children who may need to wait. We advise parents to be timely during this month to help alleviate any bumps in our system and expedite the pick-up process.
- If for any reason or at any point in time your child is in need of you, the teacher will inform our office assistant and they will contact you via text.

## **WHO SHOULD NOT COME TO CLASS AT DEA**

- Any dancer feeling ill should stay home. (Fever, coughing sneezing, runny nose etc.)
- Any dancer living with a family member who is ill should stay home.
- If someone in your household works in healthcare, they must NOT have been caring for COVID-19 patients for a period of two weeks before you are allowed to attend class.
- Anyone who feels they cannot comply with all procedures should also stay home.
- Please understand our Staff and Faculty are being held to these same standards.

We are so very excited to return to classes at DEA but we must insist that everyone take a very serious and cautious approach to their return and review the following policies above with their child. We ALL want to stay safe & well! We are having our studio thoroughly sanitized by Trinity Housekeepers before opening and we have already purchased additional supplies for studio use. If for any reason you are not confident or comfortable in our safety measures, we have created a new schedule for Zoom virtual classes for the month of June. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the information above, please do not hesitate to email us at [danceextremeacademyfl@gmail.com](mailto:danceextremeacademyfl@gmail.com).