



# Studio J Academy of Dance



## Policies and Procedures for COVID-19 Prevention and Precautions

Studio J is looking forward to the 2021-22 dance season. The Covid-19 pandemic has evolved we are more knowledgeable and have more tools at our disposal to help curb the spread. This has allowed us to evolve our policies and procedures for this coming dance season. Listed below you will find additional detail on how our studio / classes will look and feel.

### Facility / Dance Studio Rooms

- Enter and Exit through the front door. Please park in the front parking lot and dancers will be excused through the front entrance.
- The lobby will remain closed at this time to free up space for dancers. If a parent must stay with their young child, we ask that only 1 parent stay; however the preference is to limit any gathering in the studio besides the dancers and instructors.
- Upon entry into the studio there will be a designated area for street shoes, along with a shelving unit with individual cubbies for dance bags.
- Dancers should bring their own filled water bottles. Water coolers and the coffee machine will not be available at this time. We hope to bring this back as soon as possible.
- Study tables will be spaced throughout the studio to allow for dancers to do homework and eat a snack in between dance classes. Students will be asked to sanitize the table upon leaving their spaces.
- Classes are structured to allow for a 3 foot distance between dancers in the dance rooms.

### Sanitation

- Dancers and all employees are required to wash hands upon entry into the studio.
- Sanitizer is available throughout the facility (as always) and dancers / teachers are required to use sanitizer upon exit of the dance studio rooms and during re-entry in between classes.
- All hard surface areas (ballet bars, door knobs, light switches, etc.) will be wiped down and disinfected after each class.

### Mask Requirements and Symptom Check

- Masks are required for students under 12 years of age, as well as for students 12 years and older who are unvaccinated.
- Teachers will wear masks in classes where students under 12 years of age are participating.
- Teachers and Students/Parents must conduct a self assessment and not enter the studio if exhibiting symptoms of any sickness, have a fever of 100.4 or higher or have been exposed to COVID-19.
- Teachers / Students must remain fever free for 48 hours without fever reducing medication before returning to the studio.

### COVID-19 Exposure / Notification / Quarantine Guidelines

We are following procedures developed in conjunction with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health (CCBH) and anyone identified as a **close contact** will be notified individually via telephone call.

### **CDC / Close Contact Definition**

*"Close contact is defined as someone who was within 6 feet for a total of 15 minutes or more within 2 days prior to illness onset, regardless of whether the contact was wearing a mask."*

### **Quarantine Guidelines**

#### **GROUP 1: Fully Vaccinated & No Symptoms**

- In person dance classes may continue without restrictions
- Monitor for symptoms
- *If symptoms develop, follow the guidance outlined below and contact Studio J Immediately*

#### **GROUP 2: Fully Vaccinated & Symptomatic**

- Quarantine for 10 days
- Option to shorten quarantine to 7 days if a negative test is received on days 5, 6, or 7 from last exposure\*
- COVID test recommended (+ test requires additional isolation)
- Contact child's healthcare provider regarding possible COVID-19 testing and with questions or concerns

#### **GROUP 3: Unvaccinated/Partially Vaccinated (Regardless of Symptoms)**

Note the following applies to individuals in **Group 3** who are identified by the Studio J staff as meeting the CDC definition of a Close Contact (see above):

- Quarantine for 10 days
- Option to shorten quarantine to 7 days if a negative test is received on days 5, 6, or 7 from last exposure\*
- COVID test recommended (+ test requires additional isolation)
- Contact child's healthcare provider regarding possible COVID-19 testing and with questions or concerns
- *Individuals in Group 3 who are not considered close contacts and are asymptomatic may continue in person dance classes without restrictions*

***Additionally, we will send an "awareness email" to all families if we learn of a positive COVID case and that individual (s) has been in the studio.***