

## Safety Guidelines and Plan for Re-Opening NSDS

Dear parents,

We hope all is well and safe. We have been keeping up with the news and current events and wanted to give everyone an update on our re-opening plans.

Firstly, we are considered a Phase 4 business for the NYC guidelines. (Arts & Entertainment and Education). If things stay the way they are, we should then open anywhere between Mid-July or early August.

**\*\* We have a list of safety guidelines and precautions for when we reopen: Please Read \*\***

- 1) **I have purchased the non-contact thermometer for each location and we will take the temperature of everyone entering the building.** Anyone with a fever will be asked not attend class until they are feeling better. This is for the safety of all children and families at our studio. Please take your child's temperature before leaving your house, and we will also double check at the studio.
- 2) **We will also have hand sanitizer and students will use them upon entering and leaving the studio.**
- 3) **We are making 6ft by 6ft squares on our floors with colored tape.** When students come to class they will be told to go directly to their assigned square to take class. They will also be dismissed from this square at the end of class.
- 4) **We are also marking the walls every 6ft with the colored tape for students to place their things.** Each student will have a spot on the wall to place their stuff that matches their square. Please keep all extra items home, including snacks.
- 5) **Masks:** will be required in class for as long as the CDC has it in their guidelines.
- 6) **All students ages 4 & up will be drop off/pick up only.** When students enter, we will take their temperature, they will sanitize their hands, and then they will head directly to their wall spot to place their dance bag, and over to their classroom square. To avoid crowded waiting areas, Students will be allowed into the school no earlier than 5 mins before class and go directly in to their spot.
- 7) **Ages 2 - 3 classes will be Mommy and me for now until we return to normal** and Moms can either stand by the wall at the 6ft markings or in the square with their child. This is so we can continue to keep the waiting area empty while our youngest students dance.
- 8) **Parents will be asked to either send in payment in an envelope or continue to use Venmo and PayPal so we can continue social distancing with payments.**
- 9) **Some classes will be smaller because of social distancing.** We can fit 8 squares in our main room at Pleasant Plains, 5 in the room with the window. We can fit 10 squares in our room at Manor Heights. **Classes larger than these sizes will be split.**
- 10) **15 Minute intervals between classes.** Our class schedule will be modified to have 15 mins between each class for us to clean. This will also give us time to dismiss one class before letting the next class in. We will not be letting students into class before the previous class is finished.
- 11) **Acrobatics:** We will not be able to spot children yet at this time. Acro classes will continue as strength, conditioning and stretch classes. Students will also be able to practice tricks they can do without being spotted, and learn tricks that don't require a spot.
- 12) **Online Class Option:** For any students and parents who feel uncomfortable with returning to class at the time we re-open, we will have an online class option available for students who will be waiting to return.

I thank everyone for your cooperation and understanding. We hope this pandemic is over soon, however will continue to make things as safe as possible until then. All of these guidelines are for the safety of our children, staff, and families as we begin to return to normal.