

Based on guidance from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Mansfield Board of Health, we ask that everyone maintain at least 6' distancing, including in our parking lot. Dance bags will not be allowed in the Studio, and dancers should have their own personal (and labeled) water bottles filled for class. We are not permitted to have our water cooler operating. Also, yoga mats are required for intermediate and above jazz classes, competition classes, and the Saturday 12:15 intermediate combo class for use while stretching (they should also be labeled to avoid any confusion after class). Masks are required when entering the Studio and should be worn as much as possible, and always during warm-ups and at the barre. The Mansfield Board of Health has informed us that the best practice is for masks to be worn at all times indoors in group settings. Our teachers and any student demonstrators will be masked at all times.

If a student is not feeling well, or has an ill family member at home, we ask that she or he stay home from class. We are currently upgrading our WiFi capabilities at the Studio so that we can live stream classes (details TBA). This will also be an option for students who may not be ready to join in-person lessons at the start of the dance season. It can also be an option if a class has reached its capacity for distancing purposes but a student would still like to attend remotely. If you would like your child to attend lessons remotely, please let us know when registering.

There are markings in the parking lot to aid in distancing. If you arrive early for your lesson, please do not exit your car if the prior class has not yet left. Starting no earlier than five minutes before class time (we will need this time to clean the Studio), we ask that one dancer enter the Studio at a time through the waiting room door, use hand sanitizer provided at the desk, and then enter the dance room. At that time, the next dancer can enter the Studio. Once in the dance room, students should leave their street shoes by the emergency exit door and find a marked square to stand in (*see photos below*). After class, students will be dismissed one at a time through the emergency back door.

Due to spacing concerns, we ask that families do not enter the Studio. We will provide families with a link to observe classes online. If necessary, one parent/guardian (per class, not per family) may stay in the waiting room and must wear a mask the entire time. If you do enter the Studio for any reason, please do so only after all the students have entered the dance room. Also, you must wash your hands after entering, enter your name in the log on the desk (including time entered and, later, time left), and then use the hand sanitizer again. Please note that the Mansfield Board of Health has advised us that parents are not to congregate in our waiting room or parking lot.

We are trying our best to balance all safety risks while still providing the best possible dance environment for our students and their families. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

