



HIGH TEMPERATURE DANCE ACADEMY COVID-19 HANDBOOK

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Firstly, all of us here at HTDA would like to thank you for working with us through this time. It is a period of uncertainty and confusion and we want to do the best we can to provide a safe, healthy, and fun environment for you and your children. We ask that you follow the policies listed below as we are doing this for the benefit and safety of each student and the community as a whole. After thorough research into both the general precautions taken for COVID-19 worldwide and the measures put in place by the dance community as a whole, these are the policies we will be following:

1. No parents will be allowed into the studio except to drop off or pick up students as needed. We ask that you walk them to the door, but not enter the building unless necessary.
 - a. If you must walk your student into the studio due to age or other circumstance (age 6 & under) we strongly encourage you to wear a mask.
 - b. If you need to come into the studio for any other reason, such as to make a payment, we strongly encourage you to wear a mask.
 - c. We will have an "Enter Only" & "Exit Only" for our building.

We ask that parents do not enter any of the dance studio classrooms to help keep our social distancing policy in place.

2. We will be taking temperatures at the door for every individual the first month of dance (longer if we feel necessary). Then, we ask that you continue to monitor your child's temperature as well as **PLEASE DO NOT** send them to class if they are ill.
 - a. Please arrive 5 minutes before class starts the first week of dance to ensure this process doesn't delay class time.
 - b. Please make note that during these unprecedented times, it is your responsibility to arrive on time for the drop off and pick up for your child.
3. Every student is **required** to wear a mask into the studio. Once a dancer is in their designated classroom and able to practice their social distancing, they will be allowed to remove the mask during class time.
 - a. If you **do NOT want your child to remove their mask**, we will be emailing out a form for you to sign and return back to the studio. This will be handed out to every staff member, and we will ensure that your child keeps their mask on (breaks allowed outside of the classroom upon the child's request) throughout their time in our building.
4. If your child comes to dance without a mask and you/they wish to purchase one, we will have masks available for purchase (\$1) and your account will be charged.

5. If your child needs to take a "mask break" we encourage them to do so to feel safe and comfortable. We will ask that they step outside the classroom and take a few minutes and return to class when ready.
6. *Every* individual must sanitize their hands upon entry into the building. There will be hand sanitizer provided at the desk if you need to enter the studio.
 - a. Students will also be required to sanitize their hands before entry into the classroom and upon exiting the studio.
7. The studios will be sanitized daily.
 - a. Floors, barrés, mats, props, door handles, bathrooms, etc. will all be disinfected every day.
8. We are asking that NO student be allowed to "wait" or "hangout" in the studio before, after, or in between classes. We at HTDA are working diligently to follow all social distancing per the CDC guidelines.
 - a. We will have limited seating areas in our breakroom for children that have 15-30-minute gaps in between their classes. (**Your child will NOT be allowed in the break room before or after their classes, only if they have a scheduled break during their nightly routine).
 - b. The break room will be off limits, as will the lobby, until further notice for any type of waiting area. (Exception: Creative Dance parents, although, we ask that you wait in your vehicles to avoid overcrowding in our building).
9. We are confident that we can provide a safe dancing environment while choosing an "optional" mask policy because of the following:
 - a. Our building is 4,000 sq. feet, allowing enough distance between each dancer to ensure their safety; including a spacious (high ceiling) lobby, break room, two bathrooms with stalls, and three separate dance studios.
 - b. We have taped out bright yellow "X"s on the floors of all three of our studios, distanced at 6ft. Tape lines have also been added so that children remain in their 6x6 ft "square."
 - c. Our main studio has large windows on 2 of the 4 walls, allowing children and teachers to be exposed to fresh air.
 - d. Good ventilation system throughout the studio.
 - e. Temperatures which will be taken at the door before entry.
 - f. Sanitization occurring in each studio before every class begins.
 - g. Hand sanitizer distributed and required amongst dancers and teachers before/after every class.
10. All teachers are required to wear masks outside of the classroom.
11. All of the above listed policies will be adaptable for extenuating circumstances.
 - a. We will continue to keep you updated and follow the protocols and schedule set by the CDC for social distancing and hand sanitizing. As changes happen throughout the year, we will honor those changes and try to keep everyone up to date. Please be patient with us through this process.

We will be monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic daily and trying our best to ensure that you, your child, your family and the community stay safe and healthy through this time. These policies will stay in place until further notice and may be updated at any time. Failure to comply with these policies will not be tolerated. We are doing our best to follow CDC guidelines in handling this pandemic. We humbly ask that you abide by these policies during this time. Hopefully, by doing our part in preventing the spread COVID-19 we can help in flattening the curve and return to a more normal operating policy as soon as possible. Thank you!

- Tympest & HTDA Staff