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Protocols and Precautions during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Safety first. We are adhering to an extensive set of COVID-19 safety policies and procedures to keep our loved ones happy and healthy.

Requirements for Attendance

- For dancers to attend in-studio classes, the entire household must be healthy with no one having had close contact with an infected person within the past two weeks.
- When dancers participate in a class for the first time this summer/fall they must bring the completed Covid Waiver. For subsequent classes, families need to inform us if any information has changed.
- Everyone in the building over the age of 5 will be wearing a facemask unless they have a medical exemption. Teachers will direct dancers to take mask and water breaks as appropriate.

Drop off and pick up

- Please arrive no sooner than 5-10 minutes before class time and remain outside or in the main lobby - with 6 feet physical distancing in mind - until a Ballet U staff member calls the dancers for their class. This is a good time to use the restroom and wash hands.
- When dancers are called for class, those who didn't just wash their hands in the restroom will receive a pump of hand sanitizer at the door.
- Dancers age 7 and older will enter the studio alone.
- Parents who need to take care of anything with the front desk staff should wait until after students are in their class.
- To pick up your dancer, please arrive 5 minutes before the scheduled end time of class and meet your dancer in the main lobby or outside the building.

Hygiene and Sanitizing

- Students and teachers will wash their hands after entering the building or sanitize hands upon entering the studio.
- Students are also encouraged to sanitize their hands after barre work. Teachers will wash or sanitize their hands whenever they enter a new classroom and as frequently as needed throughout the night.
- Door knobs, barres and other commonly touched surfaces will be cleaned between groups.
- Floors will be cleaned and disinfected regularly with a steam cleaner.
- Students must bring their own water bottle and not use the water fountain.
- Bathrooms are available for use and will be sanitized multiple times per day.
- Any studio-owned props will be sanitized after each use and not shared by dancers in class.

Clean Air

The studio's air-conditioning system has recently been upgraded with GPS air cleaning technology that uses ionization to rid our studio air of pollutants, dust, allergens, mold, bacteria, and viruses.

Distancing

- Students should keep distance from friends while in the building.
- The teacher will keep distance from students as much as possible.
- The **observation hall** will be closed during group classes. Exception: One adult per dancer under age 7 may stay. There will be marked spots (chairs, hooks) spaced 6 feet apart for dancers to put their bags and street shoes.
- Dancers should arrive dressed for class, change into dance shoes in the observation hallway and then enter the studio as directed by their teacher.
- Class times are staggered so that we can clear one group from the studio and clean before allowing the next group in.
- For our younger dancers (ages 7 and under), the dance floor is taped into a grid, giving each dancer more than 6 ft of space in each direction. Each child will be assigned a square to stand in for part of the class. We will also use the grid to space children out as we move across the floor.

Attendance Options during the Covid-19 Pandemic

- We offer both **in-studio and virtual dance classes** and plan to keep that model for the entire 2020-2021 dance year. All virtual classes are delivered via Zoom, and most of our Zoom classes are dedicated, exclusive Zoom classes. Students will receive their Zoom link after registration by email. The link stays the same for the entire session or dance year.
- We limit the number of attendees in our Zoom classes so the teacher can still give individual feedback.
- Students who are signed up for an in-studio class but are unable to attend in person because of quarantine or other conflicts, should either attend the dedicated Zoom class for their level during that week or discuss alternate options with the director.
- Students are welcome to change their enrollment from a virtual to an in-studio class during the year.
- In case that we need to close the studio temporarily we will easily transition to virtual instruction for all enrolled students at their regular class-times.
- In-studio classes are scheduled staggered and with breaks between classes to allow studios to be cleaned and to avoid having several groups arrive and leave at the same time.

Ballet U, LLC
COVID-19 Pandemic Consent Form for In-Studio Classes

I, _____ (name of parent or adult student) knowingly and willingly consent to in-studio ballet classes for myself or my child _____ (name of child) during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Have you (adult student) or your child exhibited any of these symptoms of COVID-19 during the last 14 days?

- Fever above 100 degrees
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- New loss of taste or smell

Yes _____ No _____

Have you been around anyone with these symptoms in the last 14 days?

Yes _____ No _____

Are any members of your household currently sick or quarantined?

Yes _____ No _____

Have you traveled outside the United States in the past two weeks?

Yes _____ No _____

I have answered all questions honestly and to the best of my ability.

Full Name: _____ Date: _____

I agree to notify Ballet U, LLC if I (adult student), my child or any member of our household contracts COVID-19 or has come into contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19. This action will help ensure the utmost safety of our students and staff.

I understand that I am choosing to come in for elective dance classes for myself or my child/ children. By coming in for classes I understand that we are doing so at our own risk and will not hold Ballet U, LLC, any of its employees or affiliates liable for contraction of any illnesses.

Signature: _____ Date: _____