

DANCERS EDGE POLICIES & PROCEDURES FOR COVID-19

Our goal is to give dancers a place to do what they love, safely. No place or person can guarantee a 100% risk free environment. We will do everything reasonably possible to create as safe of an environment possible for our staff, students and families. Our guidelines are below. Please READ CAREFULLY and help us keep your children safe by adhering to these policies... AND discuss them with your dancer so they are also aware of policies and changes that affect them! Thank you!

Let us know if you have any questions/concerns. We appreciate your help keeping our children safe!

- Please note that policies and procedures could change with local, state and national mandates as they change. We will follow those mandates with regard to mask policies.
- No lobby or other “common” areas will be open.** Parents should come to the entry doors or just outside on the sidewalk so intake/exit staff can see them for all dancer DROP OFF and PICK UP. If a parent needs to enter the lobby to make a payment or ask a question they may do so as long as they follow local/state mandates for face coverings.
- Anyone age 5 and up is currently mandated by state/local guidelines to wear a face covering when inside any business (unless you have a waiver).** For this reason we are asking that ANYONE (even if vaccinated) entering the facility have on a face covering while in common areas. Policies regarding wearing a face covering while dancing are below. (If your dancer is age 12 or below, we ask that you let us – and the dancer – know what you prefer for their face mask while dancing full out and inform us when dropping the dancer off.)
- PLEASE GO OVER THIS WITH YOUR DANCER!** It is not recommended that anyone wear a face covering when doing physical activity/exertion of any kind where their body needs to take in added oxygen to properly function. Therefore, it is our policy that dancers are NOT ALLOWED to dance full out with a face covering on. Dancers who want to wear a face covering have two options:
 - #1 pull back and do not dance full out where they are breathing heavy to leave the face covering on -OR-
 - #2 pull the face covering down when dancing full out and when they catch their breath put it back on***Dancers must abide by this policy for liability purposes for the studio!***
Dancer/parent accept FULL LIABILITY for injury, death, or otherwise if they do NOT abide by this policy!
- No public use equipment can be used (combo mats, blocks, bands etc.) except ballet barres that must be wiped with blue disinfectant by the instructor immediately following the class.**
- The gym and studio classrooms are off limits to dancers unless they have class in that room.
- Because lobbies and sitting areas are OFF LIMITS at all locations, if dancers have more than 15 minutes between their classes, it is the parent’s responsibility to come to the studio entrance and pick them up or take them out and sit in the car until a few minutes before their class time.**
- Dancers may not enter the building until a maximum of 5-10 minutes prior to their class time and must be picked up immediately following their class end time. Please be patient as we work through drop off and pick up to safely get dancers in and out of the building while maintaining as much social distancing as possible. *Dancers dropped off early, picked up late, or left between classes with more than a 15-minute break will be charged \$1 per minute for every 5 minutes early/late/extra, with a minimum charge of \$10.*
- Anyone entering the building is asked to wash their hands thoroughly and/or sanitize before entering, and between each class or whenever needed.
- Dancers/staff are remind to practice social distancing whenever possible. This includes touching others, being in close proximity (less than 6’) when talking, etc., and the need to maintain a 6’ distance as much as possible when in any public facility.

- Common use water fountains will be off limits, so dancers are encouraged to bring their own personal water bottle (LABELED WITH THEIR NAME) with them to the studio.**
- Staff will modify communication and avoid up close, face to face communication or touch to correct dancers and will wear protective face covering in the classrooms while giving corrections or other verbal cues unless dancing full out or if vaccinated.**
- In class instruction for classes will be modified so dancers do not partner, touch, or share items and social distance as much as possible.
- Personal training services (**Privates**) will practice social distancing to the extent possible. When these services require physical contact between staff and dancer, both are asked to wash hands immediately prior to and following the contact and face to face contact should be minimal.
- Alcohol-based hand sanitizer (at least 70% alcohol) will be readily available at entry points to the facility.
- Studios will be cleaned more frequently and with an EPA approved sanitizing solution that kills 99+% of viruses and bacteria, including influenza, staphylococcus, streptococcus, Escherichia coli, and human **coronavirus** to name a few. Common use areas like entries, doorknobs, etc. will be cleaned every hour with the same solution. Floors will be cleaned with the solution nightly and wiped down between classes as needed.
- Please allow extra time for check-in and pick-up and be patient as we work to follow guidelines and get dancers to and from classes in the safest manner possible. Parents MUST come to the door where we can see them for pick up of their dancer! (This is a safety issue!)***
- Any individual showing any signs of illness (specifically COVID-19) will be removed from class immediately and sent home. Make sure your email & phone # is correct on your Dakiki account in case it is needed!**
- DO NOT SEND DANCERS TO THE STUDIO WITH ANY SIGNS OF SICKNESS OR ILLNESS PRESENT!**
- Please make sure all dancer's personal items (shoes, dance bag, coat, etc.) are labeled inside with their initials or a tag to make items easily identifiable. Until it is safer to do so there will be no "Lost & Found" or retrieval of lost items at the studio. So, CHECK YOUR DANCER'S BAGS before leaving the studio please!
- Per CDC guidelines, if any staff or participant has been diagnosed with COVID-19 or is presumed positive by a medical professional due to symptoms, they will be excluded from sports program or activities until:
 - o No fever for at least 48 hours since recovery (without the use of fever-reducing medicine) AND
 - o Other symptoms have improved (e.g., coughing, shortness of breath) AND
 - o At least 10 days have passed since first symptoms or positive test result
- Contract tracing will be performed and anyone with exposure will be contacted according to the guidelines mandated by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS). Please see their website for those details.
- Persons at higher risk of complications from COVID-19 or other diseases should refrain from in person attendance at any event/class/rehearsal/etc. at the studio.
- No place or person can guarantee a 100% risk-free environment. As COVID19 and other viruses spread within our community exposure is possible. Any individual participating in any studio activity/event or entering any of our facilities does so at their own risk. Dancers Edge & Edge Performing Arts will do everything within reason to create a safe environment for all staff, dancers and their families, but assumes no risk of liability for injury, illness, or death as a result of any person's decision to participate.

DANCERS EDGE PRECAUTIONARY QUESTIONS for COVID-19:

****person must answer "NO" to all questions to be allowed to be inside the studio.**

- Have you had any symptoms of cough, cold, headache, fever, nausea/upset stomach, body aches, loss of taste or smell, or other COVID-related symptoms within the past 3 days?
- Have you traveled outside the US or to an area known as a COVID19 "hotspot" within the past 14 days?
- Are you currently awaiting the results of a COVID19 test?
- Have you been around anyone within the past 14 days who had or came down with COVID-19?