

2020 COVID-19 Policies for In-Person Classes

Dear OC Dance Center Families,

We hope you are all safe and well. We have missed our dancers and their families so much!

Here at the studio, we have been planning and preparing for our re-opening. The health of our dancers, staff, and families is our priority. We are taking every precaution possible to mitigate the spread of Covid-19.

1. We have been in contact with the City of Huntington Beach, and are complying with their reopening guidelines as well as the CDC guidelines.
2. We must enforce a strict rule, that no one is allowed in the studio space if they are sick or showing symptoms of illness. If you or your child has a fever, persistent sneezing, coughing (even due to seasonal allergies), or sore throat please do not come to the studio.
3. Parents may only come into the studio to make a payment or ask a quick question of the office staff. This will be limited to one customer at a time and a face mask must be worn. We ask that parents wait outside in their cars or 6' away from any of the dancers or other parents.
4. Dancer should arrive 10 minutes before class and should line up outside of the studio leaving a 6' distance between other dancers. Dancers should be picked up promptly after class.
5. Dancers must come fully dressed for class with hair properly tied up, wearing their dance shoes underneath street shoes before entering the studio. Once inside street shoes will be removed and dancers may proceed to the classroom.
6. Dancers must bring a dance bag with items listed below*. They will be placed on the floor under the barre where they are standing.
7. Dancers will be required to wear a mask upon entry and while exiting the building. They may remove the mask **if desired** during the class when directed by the teacher and if they are following social distancing protocols. Masks must also be worn while in hallways. Dancers are responsible for bringing their own masks, as masks will not be provided by Orange County Dance Center. We recommend having more than one mask.
*Masks for ages 3-5, and 6-8 year are optional once inside the studio and up to you as parents to decide if they should wear during class.
8. Dancers will be met at the door, temperature will be taken with a thermal non-contact temperature scanning device. (Any student with a fever of 99.5 or higher will not be allowed to enter the studio.)
9. We will be requiring dancers to use hand sanitizer upon entering and departing the building. This will be provided at the entrance and in the classrooms.
10. NO dancer will be allowed in the studio after the teacher shuts the door and the class begins. No exceptions.

11. Dancers must maintain their social distance and refrain from touching other students. Instructors will maintain social distancing from class attendees and will wear Protective Face Coverings.
12. Class will be dismissed 5-10 minutes early to allow for proper sanitizing of door handles, bathrooms, and barres. We will use an EPA approved cleaning product. Combo classes will be 45 minutes and limited to 6 dancers only.
13. Class sizes have been reduced to accommodate social distancing. This is based on a 6 x 10 foot space for each dancer in center and varies by studio. The studio floors have been marked to ensure this proper spacing. We must limit drop-in classes and make-up lessons at this time due to the class size limitations.
14. All parents of students that are participating in classes must sign a COVID-19 medical waiver before entering the studio. Dancers will not be allowed to enter the studio without submitting this form prior to their first class.

*Dance Bag: All dancers must bring a Beach towel or Yoga mat to sit on floor for stretching and/or changing into pointe shoes, a Hand towel to be placed on the barre, 2-3 face masks, hand sanitizer to use as needed during class, a water bottle with full name of dancer and a luggage tag attached with current parent contact information.

*All Combo Classes: Parents will remain outside the studio with tap shoes. We will send children to you to change shoes. Please keep dance shoes clean from outside dirt. Bring a beach towel to every class. We will sit on the floor for stretching and place on the barre to help social distancing and keep them in their place.

We ask everyone to please use the restroom at home, avoid use at studio as much as possible. Dancers need to avoid sitting on or touching floors. Floors will be cleaned daily with an approved disinfectant.

Also, as part of the OCDC family, we encourage all of you to continue to follow the guidelines for Covid-19 safety at all times, keeping risk of infection to yourself and others at the greatest minimum possible.

Thank you for your cooperation and we truly are happy to be back sharing our love for dance with your children! With everyone's help we can keep our dancers safe and healthy.

Orange County Dance Center