



Important Update

Sept. 14th, 2021

Dear Parents,

We are sending this letter for a few IMPORTANT REASONS. Please SLOW DOWN and read it all so you understand. We are having difficulty answering all the individual emails at this time. Hopefully, this answers some questions.

WHY:

1. To help clarify what is expected when your kids are "exposed" to a positive covid case.
2. To remind you of our current mask/visitor policy
2. To ask you for some grace and understanding. Being in charge of a group of children or families at this time is not an easy task. Navigating the recommendations and balancing what is best for families is stressful to say the least. Please know that we are continuing to monitor the situation at all levels and will alter our practices as needed based on the information we receive. Our ultimate goal is to keep providing consistent access to the benefits of dance such as physical fitness, social-emotional health, and mental wellness in the safest way possible.

We have consulted with the Brown County Health Departments, CDC, and the Howard Suamico School District. For NOW... this is our policy for when/if your child is exposed to COVID.

- If your child is sick - keep her home. If she has symptoms of COVID please get her tested. she should return if her test is negative and she is symptom-free.

- **If exposed** and not vaccinated - quarantine for 10 days.

- Cut the time short- to one week- if you get a negative test 5 or more days after exposure. SO... if the exposure is on Thursday- you need a negative test Tuesday or later. If your test is negative, you may come back to dance ON YOUR DAY 7 (Thursday). Please wear a mask

- If vaccinated - **you do not have to quarantine** unless you have symptoms. Then you act as if you have it (get tested).

We know that, *technically*, it is recommended to wait the full 7 days and allow kids back the day AFTER the 7th day but we are allowing them back on the 7th day with a negative test. This is our decision to get the kids back asap. If you choose not to test your child - please wait a full 10 days.

****ALL CLASSES** have a virtual option with links posted on your child's class page or the Team Page. Please call if you have questions or need help logging on. 920-661-9212

In closing, we fully understand this message will cause relief for some and disappointment for others. Some will think it's too much and others may think it's not enough. This is the nature of the times we live in. But, it's also in our nature to adapt and to support each other. Our kids are mirrors of our reactions and emotions, so let's focus on what's positive! In a time when so many in our country have lost everything, we have much to be thankful for. Thank YOU for your support!

Mask Policy reminder:

- Masking is required by all persons over the age of 5 or in any 5 and older class while entering and exiting the building and while in any common spaces (hallways, bathrooms, store, lobby, etc.)
- Masking is strongly recommended for ages 3-5 in these common areas as well.
- Teachers will spread kids out in the classroom and children may remove masks while in class if they wish. If you would like us to give a gentle reminder to your child to keep his/her mask on, just let us know.
- The Lobby is Open but we ask parents to please wait for your child outside the building unless he/she is in a preschool class. This will allow us to keep the congestion down and traffic clear.
- Students will enter the studio through the main entrance, sanitize, bring a bin with shoes back to their studio, and exit after class through each studio separately.