**COVID-19 STUDIO UPDATE***Updated February 28th 2022*

**MASKS**

On Wednesday, February 9th the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education announced the statewide mask mandate for K-12 schools will be lifted February 28th 2022. Ashland Public Schools then approved a recommendation to allow the public schools to change the mask mandate to mask-optional beginning Monday, March 7th 2022.

**The studio will follow the lead of the local schools. The mask mandate will change to mask-optional beginning Monday, March 7th 2022.**

According to the amended policy and federal and state guidelines regarding face coverings, the health protocol will remain in place:

* 1. Students and staff returning from 5-day quarantine following a positive COVID test must follow strict mask use, other than when eating, drinking, or outside, and conduct active monitoring for symptoms through day 10 of exposure. If students or staff members cannot wear a face covering for days 6-10, they will need to continue with their quarantine through day 10 and take class remotely.

**WATER/FOOD**

Students are allowed water breaks inside the dance studio and in the waiting rooms. For students that have breaks in between classes you are welcome to bring a snack and eat it indoors starting March 7th .

**WAITING ROOMS**

Waiting rooms will remain closed for the general public but open to our students who may be waiting from one class to another.

**AIR PURIFIERS**

Air purifiers will remain on in all the studios and the office area.

**FRESH AIR**

We will continue to keep the doors open for maximum air circulation.

**ON-LINE CLASSES**

We will continue to offer the on-line class option for students taking dance from home. This is also a great option for a student who may test positive and need to quarantine. Just reach out to the office staff and they will share the log in information with you for that week.

**PROTOCOL FOR A POSITIVE CASE AT THE STUDIO:**
If your dancer tests positive and exposes students at the studio we kindly ask that you notify the studio. The class(es) that were exposed will then be notified by email.
 **Unvaccinated students:**
Stay home for 5 days.

Test on day 5.

Wear a mask around others for 5 days after quarantine.
If you develop symptoms get a test and stay home.

Take on-line class if needed. **Vaccinated students:**
Wear a mask around others for 10 days.
If you develop symptoms get a test and stay home.

Take on-line class if needed. Thank you for your patience. We are cautiously optimistic about the upcoming spring. We will update the policies as needed. We understand our dance families have varying degrees of comfort with these changes. Many of our dancers and staff may choose to wear a mask and that will be supported at the studio. Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns. (508) 881-5109. annemariesdancecentre@verizon.net.

Warmly,

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