

COVID-19 Rules and Regulations

- In order to ensure that we are always in control of the number of people in and out of the studio, parents and/or guardians will no longer be allowed in the studio. Exceptions do apply for classes on Saturday mornings for dancers age 2-6 where parents and/or guardians are allowed in the studio as long as they follow the below rules where appropriate. It is unclear at this time whether parents and/or guardians will be allowed in the studio for classes during the week for dancers age 2-6 as this will depend on the number of people in the building at that time.
- Drop Off and Pick Up will be in the front of the building; however, if your dancer is under the age of 13, you must call the studio upon arrival to let the front desk staff know you are here so we can instruct your dancer to leave safely when class is over, or to wait until you arrive (908-782-9900).
- Drop off must not be more than 15 minutes before the start of the dancer's class. If for any reason you must drop your dancer off more than 15 minutes prior to the start of class, it must be emailed to Miss Shana more than 24 hours in advance to ensure all proper protocols are met.
- Temperature testing will happen upon arrival of every student that walks into the studio. Dancers should arrive with their mask on, walk to the front desk and get their temperature taken. Dancers are not permitted to walk back toward the dance studios until they are cleared by their temperature check. Masks are mandatory for dancers above the age of 5. Masks are optional for dancers younger than the age of 5 at the discretion of the parent and/or guardian.
- Hand sanitizer will be in every room, bathroom, hall way and at the front desk. Dancers are to use hand sanitizer before they go into class and before they leave the class.
- Dancers are to arrive in their dance clothing for class. This will eliminate changing in the bathrooms. We have a strict and easy to follow dress code that will allow the dancers to stay in one dance outfit the entire duration of their time at EPIC.
- If your dancer has not rented a cubby for Season 9, they are to keep their belongings in one bag in the studio with them.
- Masks are required for the dancers in class (age 5+). Until this guideline is waived by the CDC, the dancers must wear a mask while taking class and in rehearsal.
- Due to the dancer's strenuous activity while at EPIC, it is highly recommended that the dancers always have extra masks with them so that they can change their mask when one becomes too sweaty. Masks should be taken home every night and washed often.
- The vending machine and refrigerator are OFF LIMITS until further notice. Please pack your own water and food that does not need to be heated up if your dancer is to have a lengthy break that allows them to eat. Door Dash will be allowed; however, we ask your dancer selects the "drop at the door" option, which will eliminate extra bodies in the studio.
- The studio is blocked off by 6-foot squares. Class sizes will be monitored based off how many dancers we can have in each room while socially distancing.
- Large TV's and ZOOM will be streaming during all technique classes to ensure there is always a safe option for your dancer. If your dancer is sick and must miss class, they will be required to log onto ZOOM to ensure nothing is missed while they are staying healthy and outside of the studio (depending on type of illness).
- It is our expectation that you will notify the studio if your dancer or anyone in your household is to develop symptoms, be diagnosed or exposed to someone that has been diagnosed with COVID-19.
- Every EPIC staff member will be taking very strict attendance in every class. This will help us know exactly who may have been in the building/classroom if someone is to have a positive COVID-19 test. Upon notification of this, the studio will let everyone who was in the building know that they are to stay home for the recommended time until all dancers in contact are tested and show negative results.
- EPIC Staff will be wearing masks as well as face shields until the CDC guidelines are to change.
- The schedule will be made to ensure minimal down time for the dancers to congregate in the back room. If dancers are to have down time, they will be encouraged to social distance and stay 6-feet apart from each other while doing homework. We will also have trifold plexiglass for the dancers to use in the back room when doing homework/on their downtime.
- I agree that if upon my dancer's arrival to the studio, his/her temperature is at or above 100.3, he/she will be sent home and expected to contact a healthcare provider immediately for medical attention.
- A bleach and disinfectant solution will be used to clean all mats, equipment, bathrooms, doorknobs, bathrooms and other hard surfaces throughout the dance day.
- High efficiency air filters were installed in the HVAC units throughout the studio to help reduce airborne contaminants.