

Covid- 19 Precautions and Procedures

As we slowly start to re-open and get back to a “normal” dance season, we want to be very transparent with any/all potential covid-19 exposures. The safety of everyone is our main priority.

We want to remind everyone that it is extremely important to read the covid-19 waiver carefully; if any immediate family members are sick or feeling ill in any way (Covid-19 symptoms or not) Encore needs to be notified immediately and they **will not be able to participate in any in person classes**, regardless of the dancer being asymptomatic or not.

When potential exposure occurs many ask, “Who have I been in close contact with?”. The CDC defines close contact as: “a person that has been within six feet of the infected employee/person for a prolonged period of time”. As we begin to move our classes indoors, we are confident that we are taking the right steps to safely return to dance. Therefore, if any of our students are tested and test positive for covid-19 the entire class will be notified as soon as Encore receives the information. That class, and all the students in the class, will then be required to self-quarantine for the next 14 days and all of their classes will be taken via Zoom. After the 14-day self-quarantine they will be able to return as long as no symptoms are present.

In the case that a family member of a dancer becomes ill to covid-19, we will once again notify the class and that individual dancer will be required to self-quarantine. The remainder of the class will still be allowed to participate in lessons if they are symptom free. This scenario, per the Macomb Health Department, is defined as a 2nd degree/2nd hand exposure and only the dancer of the immediate family member will be required to self-quarantine.

What to do when I drop my dancer off for class?

- All dancers age 8 or older will line up outdoors before their class begins. There will be specific markers on the sidewalk indicating where dancers should stand to properly social distance while waiting. Dancers under 8- one parent may wait with them outdoors. As we approach the colder season, we will adjust our check in process.
- The assistant teacher or studio receptionist will come out 5 minutes prior to their class beginning and will conduct a temperature check and health questionnaire on all dancers. The student’s temperature must read under 100 to participate in classes for the day.
- Before class, all dancers will use the studio provided hand sanitizer.
- When their class time begins, they will be escorted directly into their dance room with all their belongings and will be placed into their own dance zone to allow for proper social distancing.
- When class is over, they will be escorted directly outdoors and will be required to be picked up immediately.

What does my dancer need to bring?

- **Water Bottle!!!** The drinking fountain will not be accessible to any dancers until further notice. Each dancer must bring their own water bottle. It is encouraged to bring two or three if they are in multiple classes.

- Dance bag/shoes- Dance bags can only contain the dance shoes needed for that day, water bottle, and personal items (ID/wallet/keys). Hair ties, warmups, socks, brushes, etc. will not be allowed in the studio.

Other Rules/Expectations

- MASKS ARE REQUIRED- I understand that this is a controversial topic for some, but in the State of Michigan all public indoor facilities are required to wear face masks or face shields. There will be **no leniency on this**. All dancers with medical diagnosis' can wear a face shield to allow for easy breathing. Mini Movers/Pre-classes will not be required to wear one, but it is strongly encouraged.
- Bathrooms will be available for dancer use only. Please make a habit of using the restroom before arriving for dance classes. **No parental use.**
- Parents can make payments online or will need to call the studio before entering to pay in person. Our lobby is taped, so please be conscious of staying within the studio walkway.
- We encourage all parents with dancers under the age of 8 to stay in their vehicles while their dancer is in class and to wait in our parking lot.
- If a dancer has a break, they will not be able to wait in the lobby. Please arrange for pick up during their break. Encore will not be responsible for babysitting or watching dancers during breaks. Breaks that are 15 minutes only- Dancers may take their break inside the dance room.
- No Food allowed in the studio. Students dancing over 3 consecutive hours will be allowed to bring in a small snack to eat quickly in between classes.

What Encore is doing to keep our studio safe

- All dance rooms are taped into 6x6 ft sections on the floor, so each dancer will have their own space to social distance while dancing.
- Each dance room will be disinfected twice daily (specifically in between new student groups entering)
- Disinfecting includes- wiping down all equipment, ballet barres, door handles, and lights switches.
- Each dance room will be mopped and swept daily.
- Studio lobby will be disinfected once daily.
- Bathrooms will be disinfected and cleaned between each new student group. There will also be disinfectant spray/wipes for dancers to use after restroom usage.
- All classes are capped to allowed for proper social distancing while dancing.
- We will have Hand sanitizer available before class, at the desk, and in each dance rooms at all times.