



## COVID-19 Response Plan

In order to keep our dancers and directors safe, MBC has developed the following COVID-19 response plan. Should MBC become aware of any potential cases, all families and staff will be notified as soon as possible. We will take the appropriate steps set forth by the Michigan Department of Health.

### Employee Guidelines

- Directors will be screened every day by way of temperature and wellness interview.
- Directors will wash or sanitize hands prior to and after every class.
- Directors will maintain social distancing from dancers.
- Directors will wear a face covering when teaching and when in the lobby or common space.
- Directors will be trained on all procedures relevant to COVID-safety. (i.e., disinfecting, taking temperatures, etc.)

### General

- Group sizes will be reduced so that dancers can be spaced at least 6 feet apart.
- Dancers may not arrive more than 10 minutes early for their class/rehearsal and must be picked up immediately following their last class/rehearsal.
- The drinking fountain, microwave and refrigerator will be unavailable for use. There is no food or eating in the studio. Since the water fountain will be disabled, it is advised that dancers bring a bottle of water to class/rehearsal.

### Facility

- Parents will not be allowed to wait in the lobby.
- Seating will be removed from the lobby. Cubbies will be removed or blocked off. Dancers will bring personal items and bags in the classroom and place them in a marked spot. We ask that dancers limit personal items to only those necessary to take class.

### Classrooms

- Dancers need to come dressed for class/rehearsal.
- Dancers will place bags in a purple square box on the floor if classes/rehearsals are held in studio B or C. Dancers with class in studio A will place bags in the back dressing room. Dancers with class or rehearsal in studio D will place bags on the carpet. The box is approximately 20"x16". We ask that you bring a minimum amount of personal items.
- Hand sanitizer will be required upon entry and exit of the classroom.
- Dancers will be subject to temperature checks upon arrival. If a dancer has a temperature above 99.5 degrees, they will be excused from class and will need to schedule a make-up class.
- Places at the barre will be marked with tape. Places in the center will be marked at least 6 feet apart and will have a circle for dancers to stand on.
- Barres will be disinfected after every class that they are in use.
- We will ask dancers to space 6 feet apart when doing progressions across the floor or from the corner.

- When suitable, exterior doors to the studios will be open to allow extra air ventilation.
- MBC dancers will need a mat for technique classes. There will be no shared equipment.
- Class work and/or choreography will be altered so as not to involve physical contact of any of the dancers.
- Any props will be wiped down before and after use.
- MBC dancers are asked to wear a solid black camisole leotard and pink tights with hair in a neat bun. Boys should wear a white t-shirt and black dance tights. Dancers that are not properly dressed will be dismissed from class/rehearsal.

## Outdoor Classes

- MBC has a safe and private parking lot in the rear of the building. There is no traffic and ample space. We are considering running classes/rehearsals outdoors to further allow us to spread out.
- Dancers would attend outdoor class/rehearsal in tennis shoes and layered dance clothing.

## Masks/Face Coverings

- Office staff will wear a mask or face covering.
- Anyone entering or occupying the lobby must wear a mask or face covering.
- Directors will wear a mask or face covering at all times.
- Dancer masks/face coverings in the classroom are required for all dancers at this time. As state regulations change, we will adjust our policy.
- If dancers have a class outside/rehearsal, they may choose if they would like to wear a mask or face covering. Directors will wear one indoors and outdoors.

## Cleaning

- Floors will be cleaned and disinfected daily. We will disinfect the floor in between classes for any class that has floorwork.
- Bathrooms will be wiped down and disinfected several times a day.
- All surfaces including countertops, stereos, teacher stations, doorknobs and light switches will be disinfected several times a day.
- The studio will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected each night.

## Illness

- Dancers should avoid touching face and should sneeze or cough into arm or elbow.
- Dancers and staff must STAY HOME if they have any symptoms of COVID-19.
- We will have a zero-tolerance policy for any illness. Dancers will be sent home if they have any signs of illness including running noses, coughing, congestion, sore throat, etc.
- Dancers must notify the studio if tested positive for COVID-19.
- COVID-19 Symptoms include: fever, cough, shortness of breath, diarrhea, sore throat/congestion, headache, chills, muscle and joint pain, nausea or vomiting and loss of taste/ smell, among other symptoms.
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## Shut Down

- Our hope is to be able to offer in person rehearsals and classes. Should we be unable to meet in person, either indoor or out, at any point due to COVID-19, all classes/rehearsals will move to Zoom. Pointe classes can be done on pointe if dancer has a vinyl square at home or it can be done in flat shoes. We will offer a variety of conditioning and technique classes to keep our dancers in performance shape.

## COVID Questionnaire

If your dancer answers yes to any of the following questions, we ask that you stay home. In the past 48 hours, have you experienced any of the following symptoms?

- A new fever (100.3 F or higher) or a sense of having a fever?
- A new cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, muscle aches, respiratory symptoms, chills, loss of taste or smell or any other symptom that you cannot attribute to another health condition?
- Have you had close contact in the last 14 days with an individual diagnosed with COVID-19?
- Have you had a COVID-19 test and are currently awaiting results?