



## FALMOUTH DANCE ACADEMY'S COVID-19 SAFETY MEASURES



***Please take the time to familiarize yourselves and your dancers with our new procedures. We ask parents of younger students to have a conversation with their dancer(s) prior to returning regarding social distancing, wearing a mask, and dancing only in their 6'x6' square.***

### **General Requirements**

1. We have increased our number of sanitization stations. You will now find them located at our front entrance as well as the wall in between each studio door. We also have sanitizer in each studio for staff and students to use.
2. Class size will be limited to **8, 10, or 12 dancers** (until restrictions are lifted), depending on the classroom they are in. At this time, we are unable to have any student class assistants.
3. Waiting areas will be restricted. For dancers aged 6 and up, we will be requiring drop off only. Parents of young dancers are encouraged to wait in their cars in the parking lot. Preschool dancers (age 2-5 years) are allowed one adult in the waiting area, if parents deem necessary. Please, no siblings.
4. All visitors (ages 6 and up) will be required to wear masks when entering the studio for any length of time. Dancers will be required to wear masks whenever they're not in the dance rooms (including when they use the restroom). Masks may be removed while dancing.
5. If anyone in the family has been feeling unwell, or if you have been in contact with anyone who is sick, do not have the dancer come to class. Staff and faculty will be following this requirement as well. Please notify us as soon as possible.
6. We are encouraging families to enroll in our automatic debit payment plan. If you need to come into the studio to make a payment, please maintain 6' social distancing requirements. If there are more than 2 parents waiting at the payment window, please wait outside.
7. All families must sign a liability waiver and fill out a new registration form before their first scheduled class.
8. Dancers will not be allowed to bring food/snacks into the studio unless they will be dancing longer than 3 hours per day.
9. Dancers will not be allowed into the building until 5 minutes prior to their first class. There will be a staff member monitoring the door.

10. All dressing rooms are closed and off limits. Cubbies will also be unavailable. Lost and found has been removed. Anything left at the studio will be disposed of at the end of the night.
11. Dancers need to arrive dressed and ready for class upon arrival. There will be no changing allowed in the bathrooms. Dancers will be bringing all of their belongings into the classroom and changing shoes in there.
12. Upon dismissal, dancers will be escorted out to the parking area. Please make sure an adult is waiting for them!

### **Dancer Requirements**

1. All dancers will enter the studio no more than 5 minutes before their first scheduled class. Please remain outside the building until a staff member calls you in. At that time, each person entering the studio will have their temperature taken using a no-contact infrared thermometer. Dancers (age 6 and up) must wear a mask upon entering and sanitize at the front entrance. Please maintain a 6' social distance from other students. You will be directed where to wait to enter your classroom.
2. Please make sure you are fully dressed and ready for class. All dressing rooms will be closed and there will be no changing allowed in the bathroom. All belongings will be brought into the classroom with you. Please limit the size and contents to necessary dance equipment, hand sanitizer, and a water bottle only.
3. If at any time you are feeling unwell, please tell your dance instructor and they will notify your parent/guardian.
4. Dancers (age 6 and up) will only be required to wear a mask while in the hallway and bathroom, as well as entering and exiting the building. Dancing with a mask is not mandatory, that is up to the parent/guardian's discretion.
5. Upon entering the classroom, dancers will remove their street shoes and head directly to their designated spot to place their belongings. In that time, they may remove their masks and place it in their dance bag/backpack. Dancers will then be directed to a 6'x6' box where they may remain while warming up and dancing.
6. Water breaks will be directed by the teacher and done at a time to ensure that social distancing is maintained.
7. There will be no contact between dancers at any time and they must maintain social distancing at all times.
8. Dancers that have a break between classes must exit the building and wait in their cars until 5 minutes before their next class begins. Please repeat the entering requirements upon arrival to your next class.
9. At the end of class, the teacher will distribute sanitizer to each dancer. Dancers will be dismissed one at a time.

10. Classes will be ending 5 minutes early to ensure staff time to adhere to dismissal and arrival policies as well as clean the studios between classes.
11. When leaving the studio, dancers will be escorted into the parking area. Parents, please be outside your car so teachers may direct your dancer to you.

### **Staff/Faculty Requirements**

1. All Falmouth Dance Academy staff will be required to wear a mask at all times while inside the building, including while teaching. They will be exercising proper hand washing and sanitizing during and between classes. Faculty will also have their temperatures taken prior to entering the building.
2. All staff have received training regarding social distancing and hygiene protocols.
3. Any staff member feeling ill or having been exposed to somebody that is ill will excuse themselves from teaching and find proper coverage.
4. All classrooms will be sanitized before, after, and between classes. Cleaning checklist will be posted in each studio.
5. Bathrooms will be cleaned hourly.
6. All waiting areas will be cleaned/sanitized hourly. Extra sanitization stations have been added throughout the studio.
7. Door monitors or teaching staff will be present before and after classes to assist dances with entering and exiting procedures.

*We certainly do not have any plans to shut down our live- instruction again. Our goal is to offer live classes throughout the upcoming season (especially since all of our classes have room for socially distanced dances!). **However, should it become unsafe to hold dance classes in person, we would immediately switch over to live zoom classes** (links will already be set up and everyone will already have access through upcoming class communications). **All classes would take place at regular scheduled times through the permanent zoom links set up for the new season.** Classmates and teachers would remain the same, as well as class length, study, and tuition amount.*

*We appreciate your patience and understanding as we attempt to ensure safety for our students and staff. We realize that this is unfamiliar territory for all of us and will take some to familiarize ourselves and become comfortable with these new procedures. We will soon be posting an instructional video portraying these new guidelines and the way we will all be expected to follow them. Please be sure that you and your dancer watch it together.*

*thank you!*