**COVID-19 POLICIES**

Hudson River Performing Arts Center is very excited to reopen our studio doors. We have been working diligently to ensure safety for our students and staff in our studio space**. It is important that you review these guidelines with your dancers and continue to monitor your email and Facebook for necessary updates and reminders.**

***Arrival Procedure:***

Everyone entering the buildings **must** wear a mask throughout the entire building. The mask must cover your nose and mouth.

**All students must check-in to the upstairs studio before entering a class.**

The students in the classes listed below MUST be accompanied to the upstairs office for check-in by an adult and picked up by an adult at the side door by the hair salon. Do NOT reenter the studio for pick up. Someone will bring the younger students down. Please wait outside the garage studio for your child if they are in the downstairs studio**. Parents are not permitted to enter the garage studio**. All upper-level class students can check-in to the office by themselves. **The students in the following classes need an adult for check-in and pick up:** Ballet D Intro to Broadway Preteen/teen Street Jazz/Hip Hop Lyrical B Ballet C Jazz C Elementary Street Jazz/Hip Hop Lyrical A Ballet B Jazz B Tap C/D Tutu and Tumble Ballet A Jazz/Tap A Tap B Tapping Toes Petite Ballet Combo

It is assumed that if you are carpooling, the adult driving has the right and your permission to fill out a questionnaire for your child on your behalf.

**All students will have their temperature checked and answer a COVID questionnaire**. If their temperature is above 99.4 degrees, they will not be admitted to class and must leave the studio immediately.

**Students will have their hand stamped noting that they checked in at the office**. Students without a stamp will not be admitted to class.

**ONLY students will be allowed to enter our facility. The waiting rooms will be closed until further notice.**

**Those who do not adhere to our COVID policies may not take in person classes.** HRPAC has the right to refuse in person classes to anyone we feel is not appropriately adhering to our guidelines.

***Physical Distancing:***

We ask that students bring only what is necessary for class to avoid the clutter of extra bags, clothes, etc.

Students will place their belongings in their bag, and bags will be placed against the walls in the studio. **The dressing rooms will be closed!**

To avoid congestion in the bathrooms, **please come dressed in your dance clothes**. Remember, our upstairs bathrooms are shared with other businesses.

**Bathroom use is reserved for emergencies**. Please use the bathroom at home if possible. Please note that it is not the responsibility of HRPAC to clean the upstairs bathroom, which is shared with other businesses. The landlord has supplied cleaning supplies in the restrooms for you to use as needed.

Dancers should be aware of their surroundings at all times. This is an excellent time to reinforce our spatial awareness. All dancers are to keep their hands to themselves. Those who cannot will not be allowed to take in person classes.

Dancers must follow social distancing during breaks. Repertory Company members may leave the studio during dinner breaks with parent permission. Company parents please discuss this with your children. HRPAC is NOT responsible for students once they leave the facility. Nobody is allowed to leave on their own.

Dancers must listen to all faculty/staff and follow their instructions to ensure the safety of students and staff at all times.

HRPAC faculty/staff will be wearing a face covering any time we are interacting with dancers.

**Dancers are required to wear a face covering over their nose and mouth as soon as they enter a building, during class, and during breaks unless eating or drinking.**

Eating will only be done on designated breaks and as quickly as possible. All students **MUST** sit on a marked spot 6 feet from anyone else. If the student needs to get up for any reason, they must put their face mask on immediately.

**Please send your dancer with extra masks.** Once a mask starts to get wet from sweat, it is less effective. Please have at least 1 mask for each class, unless they have filters to change out.

If a student does not have a mask, or needs a clean/dry mask, the office will provide them with a disposable mask. Your account will be charged $1.00 per disposable mask.

Hands on corrections by a teacher will be limited. Teachers will be giving more direct verbal corrections to ensure safety for all.

***Hygiene Cleaning:***

HRPAC has implemented cleaning procedures that meet the CDC & DOH standards, including but not limited to the daily disinfecting of floors and routine cleaning of bathrooms and frequently touched surfaces (door handles, ballet barres, tables/chairs, etc.).

HRPAC is running a Medify medical grade air purifier in each studio during class time, and one hour after all classes end for the night.

HRPAC has set up multiple hand sanitizing stations for faculty, staff and dancers.

Dancers will be required to use hand sanitizer upon arrival to the studio, between classes, before and after using the restroom, as well as before and after eating.

Dancers are encouraged to use the bathroom BEFORE they leave their house. Bathrooms will be reserved for emergency purposes only.

Until further notice, there will be no birthday/holiday celebrations at the studio. Please **DO NOT** send in cupcakes, donuts, etc. There is no food sharing allowed at the studio.

***Screening:***

HRPAC has implemented daily screening protocols for faculty/staff that includes daily temperature check, daily questionnaires, and increased guidance to remain at home if they are feeling sick.

**All students will be required to undergo a daily temperature check** with a contactless thermometer before admittance to the facility. Any dancer with a temperature over 99.4 degrees will not be permitted inside the facility.

**All students must answer a COVID screening questionnaire each day upon arriving at the facility. Any student who does not fill out the questionnaire will not be permitted inside the facility. Please arrive for your class early so that the questionnaire can be filled out and the student is not late for class.**

**The downstairs studio door will be locked.**  Students will be allowed in at the start of class time and dismissed with time for cleaning in between classes. Once the door is locked, you must come upstairs again to get the studio unlocked. DO NOT bang on the door and disrupt the class in session.

**You are required to notify HRPAC immediately if a dancer or an immediate family member of the household has tested positive for or has exhibited symptoms of COVID-19.**

If a student or any immediate family member of their household becomes symptomatic for COVID-19 and/or tests positive, the student may not return until after the quarantine of at least 14 days is complete.

The student must bring a copy of any negative or positive test results with them when they are able to return to the studio.

In order for HRPAC to accept a negative test, it must be administered at least 5 days AFTER exposure.

If the parent/guardian begins to feel ill while their child is at dance another authorized guardian must pick up the student from our facility immediately. The dancer may not return until the quarantine period is over.

If your family has attended social gatherings, please take the health of our entire dance family into consideration and take dance classes on Zoom for 2 weeks.

If at any time a faculty/staff member or dancer tests positive for COVID-19, we will shut down for a minimum of 48 hours to do an additional deep clean of the facility. Classes will resume online through Zoom until it is safe to reopen the building. Class times and tuition will remain the same on Zoom.

If your student is sent home from school or does not attend school for ANY sickness, they are not permitted at the facility until they are COMPLETELY symptom free for 48 hours. **If your dancer is sick, please keep them home!**

If the County or State shuts down the studio for any reason, classes will resume on Zoom until we can reopen our doors. Tuition and class times will remain the same.

If your dancer leaves dance class early because he/she does not feel well, they MUST stay home until they are COMPLETELY symptom free for 48 hours.

If any member of your household receives a contact call from school, please contact the studio immediately. Your dancer(s) must stay home from the studio for 14 days from the contact phone call.

You MUST contact the studio before class starts if your child is registered for in person classes but will be taking Zoom classes.

If your child is registered for in person classes but does not feel well enough to come to the studio, please call or email the studio giving a brief reason (i.e., cramps, rolled ankle at school, etc.) before the class starts.

If a dancer is home, they will be able to sign in for their class through ZOOM. Zoom links to all classes can be found in your students online Akada (Danceworks) account. You must click on the class to access the Zoom information.

This policy is subject to change at any time, and you will be responsible for returning to us a new signed copy.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the studio at 845-896-1888 or [hrpac205@gmail.com](mailto:hrpac205@gmail.com). Please sign below stating that you and your dancer have read and understand the guidelines and return it to the office by your child’s first day of class.

We ask for your patience and kindness as we put these protocols into place in order to keep our dance family healthy and safe.

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I confirm that I have read and understand all of the guidelines set forth by Hudson River Performing Arts Center’s new COVID-19 policy. I confirm that I have explained these guidelines to my child/dancer, and they understand the need to follow the rules. I understand that if my child/dancer does not follow the guidelines or instructions of the faculty/staff, I will be asked to come pick-up my child/dancer immediately. Students with continued difficulty following the policies will not be permitted to take in person classes.

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