**COVID-19 POLICIES**

Hudson River Performing Arts Center is very excited to be holding our classes in person. 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.

**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.

***Dismissal Procedures:***

Students will walk out to the cars when classes are over. We ask that parents **DO NOT** come upstairs for pick up; it causes congestion in the hallway and breaks our social distancing procedures. Students in the following levels will be escorted outside from the upstairs studio, or brought to the garage studio door where applicable:

Tutu & Tumble Tapping Toes Intro to Ballet Ballet A Ballet B Jazz/Tap Combo Jazz/Tap A Jazz B Tap B Musical Theatre Dance Lyrical Hip Hop 1

***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 in the lobby or in a locker in the lobby downstairs. **The dressing rooms will be closed!** They are being used as a study space for company members.

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 regardless of vaccination status.**

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.

***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.

***Basic COVID Guidelines:***

**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.

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 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. Zoom will be used for emergencies only, and at the discretion of the studio owner.

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.

If your child is unable to attend classes due to illness, please call or email the studio giving a brief reason (i.e., cramps, rolled ankle at school, etc.) before the class starts.

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. 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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