

# FESTIVAL SCHOOL OF BALLET

## Plan for Safe Operations During Coronavirus July, 2020

In preparing to open the Festival School of Ballet in July, 2020, this plan aims to address sanitary and safety concerns for students and family members who enter and use the studio facility located in the Church of the Good Shepherd Annex at 96 Jewett Parkway, Buffalo, New York. These protocols may change as the situation warrants and will be reviewed and updated as necessary.

**Access:** We ask that those entering the building use only the door designated as the entrance for the Festival School of Ballet. While in the building, students and family members should confine themselves to those areas that make up the studio facility.

Also, we ask that family members refrain from entering the building if at all possible. If it is necessary for someone to accompany a student into the facility, we ask that it be limited to one family member and that the family member not remain in the building during classes. No one will be permitted to stay in the waiting area. Outdoor areas are readily available for anyone who accompanies a student and wishes to remain on the premises.

All persons entering the facility will be required to wear a mask. Students will be required to wear masks while taking class. A supply of masks will be available for those who need them. We have acquired a supply of children's masks which were donated to the school.

**Screening:** Temperatures will be taken of all students and anyone else who enters the facility. No student with a temperature higher than 100.4 will be permitted to take class. The usual class attendance records will be kept but, in addition, a log will be kept of everyone who enters the facility for any reason. This will assist in contact tracing should the need arise.

**Disinfecting:** Everyone who enters the facility will be asked to use hand sanitizer upon arrival. Hand sanitizer will be readily available in the waiting area, bathrooms, dressing room, and studio. All common surfaces will be disinfected before and after every class. These surfaces will include handrails, chairs, barres, shelf areas, etc. in all rooms of the facility. Extra time will be allotted between classes for cleaning to take place. A new schedule will be provided to students and parents.

**Social Distancing:** The extra time allotted for cleaning will allow classes to avoid intermingling. Students from one class will not be leaving while students from the next class are entering.

The Festival School of Ballet studio space at the Church of the Good Shepherd is very large and will allow for easy social distancing during classes. This will be highly encouraged and, if need be, enforced. The studio floor will be marked to indicate recommended space between students. In addition, we have purchased additional barres so that students can safely perform barre exercises.

Class size will be limited. We ask that anyone who is signed up for a class but will not be attending on a given day, please notify the school so that a space will be available for someone else if requested.

**General Safety:** The Festival School of Ballet studio at the Church of the Good Shepherd is fortunate to have excellent ventilation, with large windows on all four sides as well as an outside door to a fire escape which will be open during classes. No air conditioning is ever used.

The safety of our students and their families is our highest concern. We ask that anyone experiencing any symptoms of illness refrain from attending class or accompanying a student to class.

We will do everything possible to ensure a safe and healthy experience at the Festival School of Ballet. Should circumstances change we will do our best to adapt. If concerns arise and we do not feel that we can provide the proper atmosphere for safe operation, we will not hesitate to close our doors and wait until conditions allow us to safely reopen.

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