

## Keeping Encore Studio COVID FREE

**Only dancers, Encore staff and vetted volunteers are allowed in the the studio** while classes are in session. There are no exceptions.

All surfaces will be cleaned throughout the day and in between classes using products approved by Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for use against emerging enveloped viral pathogens.

Studios, bathrooms, and areas of congregation will additionally be disinfected daily using UV-C light with ozone technology. We will only operate the ultraviolet germicidal irradiation treatment machines outside regular operating hours when students are not present.

During classes, studio doors will remain open to increase ventilation to rooms. Studios with exterior doors will also be left ajar as much as possible to circulate into the studio fresh outside air.

**Dancers are REQUIRED to arrive at the studio already dressed for dance with their own fully filled water bottle from home** as studio water fountains will be disabled for sanitary reasons.

Students AND teachers will be **required** to wear a **face covering** at all times while inside our studio.

Touch-free temperature checks will be administered before entering the building and students will be required to thoroughly wipe hands and forearms at the touch-free motion censored hand sanitizing stations.

Students are expected to social distance 6+ feet from each other whether indoor or outdoor at Encore dance studio at all times.

We have expanded studios C/D in order to permit a better socially distancing space.

We have separate areas for check-in and pick-up to help with social distancing. Please familiarize yourself with the **new carpool and traffic flow maps**.

We will have covered tents set up in the carpool areas so students can spread out more during carpool.

**Precautionary Alternate Pick-Up Plan** will go into effect in case we feel there is a Covid exposure situation during operating hours while classes are in session. A studio-wide text will be sent in such a situation and the alternate pick up will immediately go into effect. To receive these alerts, **send this text: @vest2021 to the number: 81010**

**School backpacks** will not be permitted inside the building but can be left at the check-in area. If a student needs an item from the backpack, he/she may have one of the check-in volunteers disinfect that item before it is brought into the building. Students may not exit/ re-enter through the check-in area. Parents will need to pick up the back pack at the check-in area or the check-in volunteer can walk the back pack to the carpool pick up location upon request.

**Dance shoes and water bottles** have designated squared-off areas inside the dance rooms where these personal items shall not encroach outside their designated bag area. These items will follow the dancer to/ from their classes.

**Remind your children**, especially if they are very young, about hand washing hygiene and social distancing. Have them practice wearing their mask and explain to them why it is necessary to wear them at all times. Encore teachers are going to miss the sweet hugs our students give us. Nothing is more heartbreaking than a students running to give you a big hug and not being able to hug them back so please apologize to them in advance for us.

We are doing our best to keep everyone safe while at the studio and hope our students will practice these good habits when they are away from the studio. For preventative measures to prove effective, consistency is key.

**Transparency is necessary** in these times. If you have been exposed, we need to know so we can protect our students and their families as well as our community. We will keep our Encore families informed as these cases arise. How you decide to navigate through each day is an individual choice.