



Saturday, November 21, 2020

Dear FVDM Studio Family,

We wanted to take a moment to share with you the latest guidance for private dance studios and how that guidance affects FVDM.

Private dance studios like FVDM do not fall into any specific sector, so it has been difficult to know exactly which guidance to follow. FVDM is a member of the Dance Teacher's Club of CT, a Chapter of Dance Masters of America. DTCCT engaged a lobbyist directly connected to the State of CT to be a liaison between our membership and state officials to clarify the guidance specific to private dance studios.

Here is what we learned:

1. Private dance studios are not grouped in with youth sports.
2. FVDM is allowed to continue to operate.
3. Starting Monday, capacity is reduced to 25% (capacity of the building).

What this means for our programs:

As a result of the new capacity change, we will not need to make any changes. We knew this day was coming so in May, we made specific adjustments in preparation for this. Between limiting class sizes and keeping our lobby closed, all classes will be able to continue without going to a hybrid model or making any changes to our schedule.

So for now, it is business as usual. If anything changes, we will be sure to keep you informed. We hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

In partnership,
Lindsey and Jeff

What is allowed during Team Sports on Pause:

- [Outdoor Recreation activities](#)
- Individual and small group training (4 people or fewer)
- Individual and small group Moderate and Low Risk Sports (4 people or fewer)
- Gyms (masks now required, no exceptions, minimum 6 foot spacing and other Sector Rule Safeguards)
- Group Fitness Classes & Dance Studios, Yoga, Martial Arts Instruction, etc.
 - Reduced to 25% capacity (from 50%)
 - Masks now required, no exceptions
 - Subject to minimum 6 foot spacing and other Sector Rule Safeguards
- School Gym Classes (No Team sports subject to Pause to be played)
- Professional teams that obtain DECD approval and Sanctioned Interscholastic College Sports (Recreational/Club sports on college campuses are subject to Team Sports on Pause rules)

Risk Categorizations with Associated Sports, National Federation of State High School Associations, Sports Medicine Advisory Committee, May 2020

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