



Monday, March 22, 2021

Dear FVDM Families,

The Governor, again, eased up on the capacity limits for dance studios in CT. **Instead of 50% capacity, we now are allowed to operate at 100%. What does this mean for FVDM?** Again, we find ourselves without a lot to change. We will not be increasing any class sizes and only making minor changes to how we are currently operating. We will continue to follow our Safer Studio Guidelines and all government mandates. Please note that changes are **HIGHLIGHTED IN PINK.**

DROP OFF/ PICK UP PROCEDURE

- Masks are required to enter the studio.
- Those entering the studio will stop by the front desk to sanitize their hands and have their temperature checked (including parents, caregivers and drivers).
- Please keep your dancer home they feel unwell or have a temperature of more than 100.4. Students or parents with a temperature higher than 100.4 will not be admitted to the studio.
- **DANCERS SHOULD NOT ARRIVE EARLIER THAN 5 MINUTES PRIOR TO THEIR CLASS OR LESSON.** Dancers arriving too early will be asked to wait outside. We ask that you plan accordingly and not leave your child unattended.
- **Parents of dancers ages 3-6,** may accompany their child inside the lobby and wait with them before class. Once dancers enter the dance space, parents must leave the studio. **If dancers this age are NEW to FVDM and/or dance, a parent may remain in the studio waiting area to be sure that the transition to the new class is a successful one for your early childhood dancer.**
- **Music students will sign in at the front desk prior to each lesson.**
- **OUR LOBBY REMAINS CLOSED until further notice.**
- **ALL STUDENTS WILL BE DISMISSED THROUGH OUR MAIN ENTRANCE IN THE FRONT OF THE STUDIO AS WE ARE NO LONGER USING THE BACK DOORS OF THE STUDIO AS AN EXIT.**

MASK USE IN CLASS

- Students will wear a mask for the entire class.
- Physically distanced mask breaks will be given when appropriate and necessary.
- Teachers and staff will wear a mask in class and when within 6' of the dancers.

WAITING AREA/ LOBBY

- Enhanced cleaning and sanitization will continue.
- Touch-less payment for boutique purchases is available (credit card only).
 - Cash will also be accepted.
- Water cooler is available for water bottle filling purposes only.
- **STUDENTS MAY USE CUBBIES AND COAT HOOKS**



AN IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT TAKING DANCE CLASSES VIRTUALLY

FVDM is committed to providing the highest quality experience for ALL of our students. A virtual environment is excellent for music lessons, and is also a good option for keeping our dance classes progressing when there is no other option. However, online dance lessons cannot completely replace the attention offered by the in-studio experience. The most beneficial coaching and corrections are given in the studio classroom. As our dancers embark on learning their performance pieces for the recital, we ask our dancers for consistent, in-person attendance which is most beneficial for the dancer, and their classmates.

Zoom links ARE available for all dance classes limited to:

- students who are required to quarantine due to potential exposure or close contact to COVID-19
- students whose families have chosen to opt for virtual lessons for an extended period of time due to safety concerns.

Zoom links are NOT

- for students who do not feel like coming to dance
- for convenience

If you choose to be in person, please be in person (unless you have to quarantine). If you choose to be virtual please be virtual (let us know when you feel safe to return). We only ask that you are consistent with your choice and not “flip-flop” between the two. We thank you for your consideration.