

Vibe Performing Arts

Covid-19 Rules and Procedures

We encourage each of you to assess your own comfort levels and risk factors before making the decision to return to the studio. Being that the health and safety of our dancers and staff is the number one priority of Vibe, the following guidelines have been recommended by the CDC, as well as Governor Wolf and were tailored to our studio needs. These will be implemented into our studio for the 2020-2021 school year. We urge you to take whatever personal precautions you need to, including staying home.

What WE are doing:

Signs and Messages - We will post signs (provided by the CDC) that promote everyday protective measures and describe how to stop the spread of germs such as by properly washing hands and properly wearing a cloth face covering if desired. CDC print and digital resources on CDC's communications resources will be posted throughout the studio.

Disinfecting - All of our studios will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized before and after every class. All ballet barres, door knobs, light switches, furniture, stereos, bathrooms and any heavily touched hard surfaces will be sanitized daily, in between classes and at the end of each night. The studio will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized thoroughly twice a week.

Classes - Vibe will restrict the number of students allowed in the dance studio at one time. Class sizes have been reduced and tape is placed 6 feet apart on the floors to ensure appropriate spacing according to social distancing guidelines.

*Sanitizing spray and hand sanitizer will be available throughout the studio.

* Extra time will be provided between our classes to allow for thorough sanitation of all equipment and surfaces.

Ventilation - Windows and doors will be open as long as weather permits and all studio fans will be running. Air purifiers with HEPA-type filters and UV light will be operating and on the whole time in the studio to reduce allergens, pollution, smoke and odors, while the UV light helps reduce airborne germs and bacteria.

● **Staff Training and Pre-screening** - Staff will be thoroughly trained on all safety protocols and will enforce them as such when teaching. Staff will be required to pre-screen, by taking their temperature each day and making sure they are symptom free, as well as monitoring their contacts and possible exposure to anyone with COVID-19. Staff will be required to report and stay home, just as our dancers are. We have many very capable teachers available to substitute a class. **We appreciate your understanding that this will happen as we would rather be overly cautious.**

What it looks like for YOU when you attend the studio or a class

ONLY dancers will be allowed in the studio past the front desk. The only exception will be parents of Pre Dance, Next Step or Pre Hip Hop students. If your young child needs you to stay in the building you must wear a mask and practice social distancing. Gathering in Vibe's lobby is prohibited to meet state-mandated COVID-19 guidelines. Parents may come into the front desk lobby area if you need to speak with staff. No parents or siblings are allowed to come into the waiting room or wait inside.

Dropping off and picking up - We ask that parents wait outside the studio for pick up and drop off to limit the amount of traffic in and out. Younger children may be brought in by a parent and handed off to staff before the parent leaves the building as well as coming in to pick them up. Parents must use their best judgement as to what is safest for their child. It is the parent's responsibility to collect your dancer after class as staff will be busy cleaning studios. You may instruct your child to wait indoors for you and you may come inside to pick up just please wear a mask when coming inside.

WEARING A MASK POLICY

Any child that wants to wear a mask DURING class may choose to do so.

Generally we will not require the dancers to wear a mask while in class when they can stay 6 feet apart. A few of our classes will require students to wear a mask. This is mostly for our older students and you will be notified if it is a class that you are in. (Currently any classes with Dawn and the ballet classes with Kathryn). Dancers will be allowed to step out of the room and into the hallway at any point if they feel that they need a mask break.

MASKS ARE REQUIRED AT ALL OTHER TIMES, THIS INCLUDES

When entering the building and up until the time you enter your class, and when leaving your class

When walking in the halls

When using the bathrooms

When using the changing rooms

We recommend that your dancer keeps their mask with them at all times either in their bag or tied on their wrist, etc. They now have lanyards that will attach to masks which might be a good idea so masks are readily available to use.

FOR OUR DANCERS

Dressing Rooms - Dancers will be allowed to place their dance bags around the perimeter of the studio, spaced apart. For this reason, it is important dancers only bring what they need and keep their bags neat and sealed while dancing so there are no distractions.

*Dancers need to arrive at the studio in their dance clothes whenever possible. The changing room will be open and we will allow the use of cubbies and lockers. **Masks are required.** Dancers are not allowed to congregate in the changing room unless they are able to stay 6 feet apart.

*For classes doing floor warmup a personal mat or large towel is required, and each dancer is responsible for bringing in their own mat &/or towel.

*All dancers will sanitize their hands immediately upon arrival and after class.

*Dancers must wash hands after blowing their nose, sneezing, coughing or using restrooms.

* Dancers may bring a dance bag into the class with them and keep their personal belongings inside and spaced apart from others.

* Water bottles should be kept INSIDE the dance bags at all times except when in use.

***Use of water fountains will be prohibited.** Dancers are allowed to bring multiple water bottles, but will not be allowed to fill them from water sources within the facility. Please label your water bottles.

*Disinfecting wipes and spray will be located throughout both buildings. Dancers on a break should sanitize their area after they are finished. This includes tables, chairs, walls - anything that was touched.

Pre-Screening All dancers will be required to pre-screen, by taking their temperature with our no-touch, contactless thermometer. If a dancer shows any sign of illness, in general, will be asked to Parents must conduct their own health assessment of their dancer prior to arriving at the studio. This includes taking temperature and discussing all COVID19 symptoms. **PLEASE DO NOT BRING A SICK CHILD INTO THE STUDIO!!!!** We will have an infrared no touch thermometer on site to take temperatures. If a child appears to be sick we will send them home. Our attendance policy will be loosened as we do not want anyone coming to class that might be sick or exposed to COVID-19. We will look into offering some makeup classes the second half of the year.

We request members limit the amount of personal items brought into the dance studio and store all jackets/layers prior to starting class. This is to avoid bringing further outside contaminants into the facility.

CONTACTING VIBE

To help our efforts with keeping our studio clean and safe please contact us online as much as possible with questions or concerns. Email is best....

For payment questions please email Jeff at Jeff@vibeperformingarts.net

For general questions please email our office manager, Jen Brinkley, at Jen@vibeperformingarts.net

For concerns regarding your dancer or a class, schedule changes, or any urgent issues or concerns please contact Kim at Kim@vibeperformingarts.net

Online payments prior to entering the building are recommended. If you come in to pay, please wear a mask.

Because there is VERY limited space in each class please sign up right away. I am unable to make exceptions to allow more students into the classes at this time. We will adjust these policies and protocols as the situation changes for our area.

IF WE HAVE TO CLOSE THE STUDIO

In the event that we have to close the studio due to Covid-19, Vibe will make the following adjustments

*If closed for less than two weeks, Vibe will offer makeup classes and tuition will not be reduced.

*If we are closed for a longer period than two weeks, Vibe will offer a tuition reduction and put Zoom classes in place if necessary. The situation, timing, and length of time closed will determine how we proceed and we will communicate that to you at that time.

* Vibe does not anticipate having to close again. However we all know this situation is very fluid and can change daily.

Thank you for helping to keep our dancers, staff and all of our families safe!!