

Parent/Student Rules and Policies during COVID-19

In place of our normal Parent/Student Handbook until further notice please refer to this announcement.

- We will be running all classes in 6 week session because of the world's uncertainty at this time.
- We will focus only on the student's education in sessions and not plan competitions or recitals until further notice.
- We will not be accepting credit cards at this time (check or cash only)
- We will be able to pass these savings on to our customers when not using credit cards at this time.

Each student will receive their own "Backstage in a BOX" with each session (included in session fee). Each box will have a new theme and materials should be kept together for class time. Please have students hold off on filling out worksheets until directed to do so by their instructor.

- We will follow the strict CDC rules with cleaning, temperature checks, distancing and staying home if showing signs of illness. (Includes students and teachers)
- We will need 10 minutes in between classes to clean.

-Each session will have a theme and students will be given their own personal "Backstage in a BOX" to keep for use in class at the studio or from home. This is to insure no sharing of props or educational/fun materials that are normally provided by the studio and shared. The cost is built into the session fee. Backstage in a BOX cannot be mailed out if there is an outstanding balance on your account. Please note that it can take up to 3 weeks for delivery. Students may join in class if their session has been paid for even if they have not received their box yet.

- We will not be able to use the lobby and will have strict rules in regards to entering and exiting.
- We will have an app for parents to view the class live from their device/car.
- We are temporarily removing our registration fee (\$25) at this time.

FEES:

Registration: \$25.00 - Waived

Installment Plan: \$5.00 - Waived (savings \$35)

Sessions 6 weeks: \$135.00

Covid-19 Safety Procedures

The following is a detailed list of how Backstage Dance Center plans to implement regulations set by the State of Massachusetts and the CDC.

Please note that this is an ever changing situation and this information will be updated as regulations change.

If you have any questions or concerns with this information please e-mail the studio directly backstageashland@gmail.com or call our office (508) 881-8226 with your concerns. The health and well-being of our students, families and faculty is our top priority.

Mask Wearing Guidelines:

- All dancers and family members that enter our space must be wearing a mask.
- A mask must be worn in all common space areas at all times.
- The dance instructors will be in a mask while teaching all dance classes.
- The students may take off their mask while engaging in physical activity (dance) but they are welcomed and encouraged to be worn the entire time.
- Dancers must wear their mask when using the bathrooms and upon exiting the studio.

Dance Studio Capacity:

- 10 dancers and 2 instructor will be allowed in Studio
- All family members are asked to drop off and return, or wait outside in their cars.
- Waiting areas will remain closed.
- Students will not be allowed to gather in groups, we will have a staff member to handle this situation and keep students apart while waiting for class to begin.
- Please do not arrive early or pick up late to eliminate any unnecessary waiting around.
- Parents may wait outside at the picnic tables in the back should you choose to stay.

Inside The Dance Rooms:

- Each student will have a 6 foot area or larger to dance in.
- No dancers will come within 6 feet of each other while in the dance studio.
- Dancers must have shoes on their feet at all times. No bare feet allowed.
- There will be no use sharing of dance props like scarves, hoops, etc.

Cleaning and Sanitizing:

- All high touch items will be sanitized between every dance class. This includes (but not limited to) door handles, ballet barres/chairs, the restroom, and the dance floors themselves.
- The restroom will be cleaned and sanitized after every dance class.
- There will be hand sanitizer stations at the entrance, exit and bathrooms.
- All students must use hand sanitizer before entering the dance room.
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Health Screening:

- All staff members will be screened and have temperatures taken at the start of their shift.
- Any staff member found ill or with symptoms will be immediately sent home and the dance studio will be cleaned before any students are allowed to enter.
- If a staff member is found ill or with symptoms all dance families will be notified immediately and classes will resume via Live stream until a replacement teacher can fill in.
- Students who seem symptomatic will be dismissed immediately. A family member will be contacted for immediate pick up. The dance studio will be sanitized from top to bottom and all classmates' family members will be contacted and made aware.

Entrances and Exits:

- Dancers will line up 6' apart from each other (with parent if under age 12) in the parking lot and enter one at a time through the main front door. Dancers will be dismissed 1 at a time out the emergency exit (also located in the front of the building) door. Please be on time for pick up as we have limited time to clean in between classes.

Virtual Access:

- We will be live streaming all dance classes and will send you the link for the App.
- All students may take their classes virtually if they choose.
- At this time, parents may watch classes through their phones live.

Student Illness

If your child or a family member shows signs/symptoms of illness Please contact the office immediately and keep your child home.

PLEASE NOTE THAT AT ANYTIME SHOULD WE NEED TO RESORT TO VIRTUAL LEARNING WE WILL DO SO.

Please be patient with us as we navigate our changed dance world at this time.

**Thank you,
Lisa Abbascia/Director**

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Backstage Dance Center Calendar 2020-2021

At the moment we are only scheduling our sessions, all other events; Boston Ballet Performances, Movie Nights.... TBA
You can always check our website for updates and school closings.

September 7 -	Session 1 Begins
October 19	Session 2 Begins
November 23-28	No Classes
December 7	Session 3 Begins
December 21-Jan 2	No Classes
February 1	Session 4 Begins
March 22	Session 5 Begins
April 19-24	No Classes
May 10	Session 6 Begins (FINAL SESSION)

We are hoping to include a performance for our students this season. We will play it by ear for now. This won't last forever and we want you to know that we appreciate your commitment to Backstage. No matter what... we will make our 2020-2021 Season ~ Happy, Fun and Memorable!
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CLASS UNIFORM LIST

Is available on our website in the Backstage Boutique link.

If you need to order please visit <https://www.shopnimbly.com/Store?sid=0014600000m1eUJAAAY>

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