

EDGE PERFORMING ARTS PROCEDURES & POLICIES FOR COVID-19

Our goal is to give dancers a place to do what they love, safely. No place or person can guarantee a 100% risk free environment. We will do everything reasonably possible to create as safe of an environment possible for our staff, students and families. Our guidelines are below. Please READ CAREFULLY and help us keep your children safe by adhering to these policies... AND discuss them with your dancer so they are also aware of policies and changes that affect them! Thank you!

Let us know if you have any questions/concerns. We appreciate your help keeping our children safe!

- All staff and dancers will be pre-screened daily including a no-touch temperature reading (fever), and questions to establish if they are high-risk to be a transmitter of COVID-19. (see questions below).
- Anyone entering the building will be screened in the same manner as above.
- No lobby or other “common” areas will be open.** Parents should come just inside the doors or outside on the sidewalk so intake/exit staff can see them (socially distanced and with a face covering on) only to drop off or pick up any dancer – regardless of age. This is for the safety of ALL DANCERS!
- Any parent/guardian dropping off or picking up dancers must have on a face covering or they cannot enter the building or gather at the entrance.
- All dancers age 9 and over must have on a face covering to enter the building and between classes. Exceptions are for those with medical circumstances that prevent covering use. Dancers 9+ must also wear face covering before leaving the classroom, between classes, and anytime not dancing. **PLEASE GO OVER THIS WITH YOUR DANCER!** Staff will enforce as much as possible, but it is impossible to get every dancer 100% of the time. So, cooperation with this policy is very important for every individual parent and dancer.
- It is not recommended for anyone wear a face covering when doing physical activity/exertion of any kind where their body needs to take in added oxygen to properly function. Therefore, EPA/Dancers Edge will not require dancers to wear face coverings when dancing full out, but dancers may do so if they choose. However, Dancers Edge assumes no responsibility for the choice to wear/not wear a face covering while dancing.
- Staff must wear a face covering while teaching except for when dancing full out to demonstrate, etc. It is especially important that anytime the teacher is talking to the class, making corrections, anything vocal that he/she has a face covering on!!
- No public use equipment can be used (combo mats, blocks, bands etc.) except ballet barres that must be wiped with blue disinfectant by the instructor immediately following the class.**
- The gym and studio classrooms are off limits to dancers unless they have class in that room.
- Because lobbies and sitting areas are OFF LIMITS at all locations. If dancers have more than 15 minutes between their classes, it is the parent’s responsibility to come to the studio entrance and pick them up or take them out and sit in the car until a few minutes before their class time.**
- Dancers may not enter the building until a maximum of 5 minutes prior to their class time and must be picked up immediately following their class end time. Please be patient as we work through the intake and release process to safely get dancers in and out of the building while maintaining as much social distancing as possible. *Dancers dropped off early, picked up late, or left between classes with more than a 15-minute break will be charged \$1 per minute for every 5 minutes early/late/extra, with a minimum charge of \$10.*
- Anyone entering the building is asked to wash their hands thoroughly and sanitize before entering, and between each class or whenever needed.
- Dancers/staff are remind not to shake hands, hug, give high fives, or touch in any manner before, during or after class. Staff will help enforce this policy to the extent possible during and between classes inside the studio, but it may be impossible to completely keep dancers (especially young ones) from touching each other.
- All individuals should refrain from any unnecessary physical contact or close conversation with others.

- Common use water fountains will be off limits, so dancers are encouraged to bring their own personal water bottle (LABELED WITH THEIR NAME) with them to the studio.**
- Staff will modify communication and avoid up close, face to face communication or touch to correct dancers and will wear protective face covering in the classrooms while giving corrections or other verbal cues.**
- Any in-person training will be limited to smaller class sizes (depending on class age and room square footage) to allow for greater social distancing. **Virtual** options will be made available for any dancer who wants to register and not lose their spot in class but participate virtually until they are comfortable to return to in person activities. If virtual is desired, please email ncedgeperformingarts@gmail.com.
- In class instruction for classes will be modified so dancers do not partner, touch, or share items and social distance as much as possible.
- Personal training services (**Privates**) will practice social distancing to the extent possible. When these services require physical contact between staff and dancer, both are asked to wash hands immediately prior to and following the contact and face to face contact should be minimal.
- Alcohol-based hand sanitizer (at least 70% alcohol) will be readily available at entry points to the facility.
- Studios will be cleaned more frequently and with an EPA approved sanitizing solution that kills 99+% of viruses and bacteria, including influenza, staphylococcus, streptococcus, Escherichia coli, and human **coronavirus** to name a few. Common use areas like entries, doorknobs, etc. will be cleaned every hour with the same solution. Floors will be cleaned with the solution nightly and wiped down between classes as needed.
- Additional front desk staff will be in place to help with the intake of dancers and the process of getting dancers back to their parent/guardian after classes. **Please allow extra time for this process and be patient as we work to follow guidelines and get dancers to and from classes in the safest manner possible.**
- Any individual showing any signs of illness (and specifically COVID-19) will be removed from the class immediately and sent home. So, make sure your email & phone # is correct on your Dakiki account in case it is needed!
- Please make sure all dancer's personal items (shoes, dance bag, coat, etc.) are labeled inside with their initials or a tag to make items easily identifiable. Until it is safer to do so there will be no "Lost & Found" or retrieval of lost items at the studio. So, CHECK YOUR DANCER'S BAGS before leaving the studio please!
- Per CDC guidelines, if any staff or participant has been diagnosed with COVID-19 or is presumed positive by a medical professional due to symptoms, they will be excluded from sports program or activities until:
 - o No fever for at least 72 hours since recovery (without the use of fever-reducing medicine) AND
 - o Other symptoms have improved (e.g., coughing, shortness of breath) AND
 - o At least 10 days have passed since first symptoms
- Persons at higher risk of complications from COVID-19 or other diseases should refrain from in person attendance at any event/class/rehearsal/etc. at EPA and Dancers Edge.
- No place or person can guarantee a 100% risk-free environment. As COVID19 and other viruses spread within our community exposure is possible. Any individual participating in any Dancers Edge activity or entering any EPA/DE facility or event does so at their own risk. EPA/DE will do everything within reason to create a safe environment for all staff, dancers and their families, but assumes no risk of liability for injury, illness, or death as a result of any person's decision to participate.

EDGE PERFORMING ARTS & DANCERS EDGE PRECAUTIONARY QUESTIONS for COVID-19:

****person must answer "NO" to all questions to be allowed to be inside the studio.**

- Have you had a fever or cough within the past week - that is not related to allergies?
- Have you traveled outside the country within the past 10-14 days?
- Are you currently awaiting the results of a COVID19 test?
- Have you been around anyone within the past 10-14 days who had or came down with COVID-19?