



2020-21 Season Protocols for Operations, Sanitizing, and Social Distancing

During *these unprecedented times* when *we're all in this together*, in compliance with guidelines from the centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the PA Department of Health Twirl will *pivot* to a *new normal* with the following policies for the operation of 2020-21 season classes because now *more than ever* we will *get through this together* (how's that for fitting as many COVID clichés as possible in one sentence?).

General Guidelines and Information

- Spread mayonnaise, not viruses. Teaching artists, Twirl staff, and students must stay home if they are feeling ill, displaying symptoms of COVID-19, or have had close contact with someone with COVID-19 in the past 14 days.
- Typically, "our casa is tu casa" and we love people hanging out at Twirl, but these are crazy times so no parents or family members will be allowed in the building during class.
- Ahhhhh... fresh air! Outside and interior doors will be open as much as possible to allow for air circulation.

Drop off/Pick up Procedures

- Dancers will arrive at Twirl in their dance clothes. Please no changing clothes in the Twirl restrooms. If they must... dancers can change clothes in the car. It's no big deal. We've all done it before!
- The early bird catches the worm... unless he arrives more than five minutes before class. So please don't arrive at the door too early! Students will not be allowed into the building until 5 minutes before the start of their class.
- Students will be dropped off at the door of the dance studio. Pretend you're the delivery person for "Door Dash for Kids." At the door, they will have their temperature taken with a touchless thermometer and given hand sanitizer. Dancers with a temperature of 100°F or more will not be allowed to take class.
- Three studios. Three entrances. How convenient! Students scheduled for classes in Studio A will enter through the Twirl office door, students in Studio B classes will enter through the main lobby, and students dancing in the Twirl Annex will enter through the Annex lobby door.
- We love you guys. We really do! However, no parents or family members will be allowed in the lobby during class. Please take this into consideration when it comes to separation anxiety and your child.

- For pickup, students will be released one at a time to whoever is picking them up at the door. They'll get a complimentary squirt of hand sanitizer before they leave. It's on the house!

Masks/Face Coverings

- All Twirl teaching artists and staff must wear face coverings at all times. There will be smiling underneath!
- Let's ALL wear masks for drop off and pick up. That means that dancers, parents, and siblings must all mask up making sure that both noses and mouths are covered (I'm sorry, it doesn't count if your nose is hanging out!) for dancer drop off and pick up.
- Dancers at Twirl "go the distance"! That means that dancers will remain six feet apart so masks will not be required during classes. They can take off their masks once they get to their socially distant square. However, if a student wants to wear one in class... that would be awesome!
- Because of the unique health concerns for our dancers with Down syndrome, all dancers and instructors in our Down syndrome dance classes will wear masks/face coverings during class.
- Students will have to mask up for drop off, pick up, transitioning from one room to another between classes, and for trips to the restroom (they might be glad they're wearing it in there!).

Dance Class Protocols

- Like the number of planets that revolve around the sun (if you count Pluto), class sizes will be limited to nine students per class. If more than nine students are registered for a class, there will be a scheduled rotation where nine students will take class in-person and the remainder will dance at home via livestream Zoom. This will rotate weekly.
- Carry less. Dance more. Dancers will only bring their dance shoes and a water bottle to class ideally in a small bag or backpack. These will remain on the floor adjacent to students assigned square.
- They say, "sharing is caring," but in 2020 not sharing is even better! That means no props for dance classes and nothing that is touched will be shared.
- We know the difference between "a part" and "apart." Dancers will be *a part* of the class, but *apart* from each other! That means no hand holding, partnering, high fives, or anything that involves physical contact.
- Students in acrobatics classes will be assigned their own area "in their own little corner of their own little mat" (Rogers and Hammerstein's Cinderella... anyone?). Some students may practice skills on a common wedge mat which will be wiped down and sanitized between uses. Spotting will be kept to a minimum.

Cleaning

- Anyone who knows Twirl knows that we LOVE to clean... even before things went crazy. Between every class, floors will be steamed and all surfaces including barres, door knobs and anything else that can and will be touched will be wiped down and sanitized.
- Like clockwork, bathrooms will be cleaned and sanitized every hour.

