

DEBORAH MASON PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

If you haven't been to the studio recently, rest assured we have done some important work to ensure the safety and good health of our faculty, staff, and dancers. A very special and heartfelt THANK YOU to the families who gathered to donate 4 large HEPA air filters from Austin Air, and another family who gifted BLUE filters. We also have a touchless hand sanitizing station at the front entrance as well as in the back near the restrooms, hand sanitizer in all studios, an upgraded filter in our HVAC system which circulates all of the air throughout the facility, as well as plenty of products to keep high-touch surfaces clean, and a weekly service to deep clean the studio.

DMPAC & CYDP Guidelines for Covid-19

Safety has always been a priority at DMPAC and is now more than ever. We have worked hard to implement changes in support of CDC recommendations for everyone's well-being, and we look forward to bringing some normalcy back to our dance community.

ENTERING AND EXITING

- All dancers ages 3 and up will enter and exit through the front door.
- At this time, we ask that no parents/guardians/caretakers/siblings/etc. enter the building ***(except for creative dance and pre-ballet, ages 3-6 -- they may be accompanied by a parent to assist with shoe changes, but parent may be encouraged to exit, depending on capacity in the building)***
- Please do not arrive more than 5-10 minutes before your start time.
- Masks or face coverings are required AT ALL TIMES in all areas, ie. Entrance/exit, studios, hallways, lobby and restrooms.
- Dancers will enter directly through the lobby and then into their designated studio.
- Dancers will exit through the lobby and go directly out the exit door.

FRONT DESK

- Tuition may be mailed in to Deborah Mason PAC 624 Somerville Ave, Somerville, MA 02143.
- Credit card payments may also be made by phone or online through the family portal.

OBSERVATION

We want you to continue to enjoy watching your children, but again, at this time, we are asking for parents/guardians/caretakers to drop off and pick up at the front entrance or in the parking lot.

RESTROOMS & DRESSING ROOMS

- Touchless soap dispensers and paper towel dispensers are in place. Hand Sanitizer stations are also in place.
- The dressing rooms will be closed, except to dance company members ages 13+.

SOCIAL DISTANCING WHILE TRAINING IN DANCE STUDIOS

- As enrollment begins to expand, we remain mindful of social distancing and will continue to encourage students to keep a safe space in the studio.

CLEANING AND DISINFECTING

In addition to our regular daily cleaning, high contact areas and equipment will be disinfected after each class in the hallways and studios, ie. doorknobs, specific equipment, and ballet barres. We have invested in portable UV sanitizing light wands, as well as electrostatic sanitizing equipment, and have confirmed with HVAC specialists that our air is properly circulating. HVAC fans, in addition to HEPA air filters, are running at all times for outdoor air exchange.

DANCERS

- Dancers are asked to bring a small backpack with their name on it, equipped with a water bottle, extra mask, hand sanitizer, change of dance shoes, and any other personal items needed, that will stay with them in their space.
- **Mask coverings must be worn at all times, in class and in all common areas throughout the facility.**

PARENTS

- Please keep your child home if she/he has not felt well in the past 24 hrs.
- Please remind your child to practice safe distancing.
- It is ideal at this time if your child arrives fully dressed for class to minimize lines for the restroom spaces.
- Please wash your child's backpack and belongings regularly.
- Please be supportive and kind to others in helping to reinforce all policies.
- Be sure to notify DMPAC immediately if you or your child has been in close contact with a person who is infected with Covid-19.

- Please be sure we have your current cell phone for emergency contact.

DMPAC is operating in a social and physical distancing environment, yet there may be times when incidental contact could occur. There may be times when children breach distancing recommendations. In addition, to teach safely and to be able to help dancers perform skills correctly and to prevent injury, hands-on teaching will be part of the learning process as needed.

Thank you for your support and respect of these policies. We can't wait to see you back in our studios!