

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 is now operating at full capacity while remaining mindful of social and physical distancing. However, 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!

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.

MASKING AND VISITOR RESTRICTIONS

- At this time, we have lifted indoor restrictions and are operating at full capacity.
- We encourage and support all dancers/parents/visitors who choose to wear a mask, however masks or face coverings are **OPTIONAL** in all areas of the facility, unless local and/or federal guidance suggests otherwise. We will continue to update our policies in accordance with those guidelines as it changes and becomes available.

FRONT DESK

- The front desk is staffed and available to help you with questions, merchandise, and payments.
- If you prefer not to come inside, tuition may be mailed in to Deborah Mason Performing Arts Center, 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, and do not have any indoor restrictions in place at this time. However, if necessary, we are prepared to revert back to limiting visitors and observation. We will promptly alert you if and when things change.

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 will continue to encourage students to keep a safe space in the studio whenever possible.

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.

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 as we make personal decisions for our families and overall well-being.
- 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.