



STG Covid-19 Policies for Re-Opening FALL TERM 2020

Welcome back to the Fall term of dance classes at Steps to Grace!

We are SO excited to host you for Fall programs and have prepared the following information to help you have a happy, healthy, and safe return to classes.

Please review before your first class for the smoothest transition back to classes.

We look forward to seeing you soon!!

STG is a Safer Studio™

- STG follows the More Than Just Great Dancing!® Safer Studio Guidelines which prioritize a hierarchy of safety and wellness measures including:
- Wellness checks for staff
- Frequent hand hygiene
- Enhanced cleaning procedures
- Minimizing mixing and mingling via social distancing practices
- Curricular and facility adjustments
- Gradual re-opening and continuous parent communications.
- Please see below for the specific way STG is applying these guidelines for the Fall Term.



Wellness Checks for Staff

- All staff members are wellness checked before their shift.
- Parents are asked to not send their children to class if they, or a member of their household, have a fever or respiratory symptoms.
- Parents are asked to not send their children to class if they, or a member of their household, have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days.

Frequent Hand Hygiene

- Employees will wash hands and/or sanitize before and after each class.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be available outside of all entrances, outside of every classroom, and inside the classrooms. Students will be encouraged to wash hands and/or sanitize before and after classes.
- Hand washing posters are posted within bathrooms and classrooms.

Enhanced Cleaning Procedures

- We have increased our cleaning frequencies and sanitation procedures in high traffic areas and high touch surfaces of the studio such as doors, viewing windows, barres, floors, counters, stereos, and bathrooms.



Minimized Mixing and Mingling

- We have made facility, scheduling, and curricular changes to reduce mixing and mingling in support of social distancing recommendations. However, we understand that unlike older children and adults, young children cannot be expected to maintain social distancing at all times.

Facility & Curricular Adjustments

- All lobby waiting areas, kitchen area, children's play spaces, student study areas, business office, staff room, etc will be closed unless specified.
- Please bring clearly labeled water bottles. Drinking fountains will not be available.
- Dancers will bring all dance bags into the studio for changing shoes. Dressing rooms will be closed. Bathrooms will be available for toileting only, but not for changing clothes.
- No food will be allowed in the studio.
- Curricular adjustments have been made to eliminate prop use and hand-holding and to reduce mixing and mingling in the classroom.
- Class sizes have been modified to reflect current county recommendations of no more than 15 in a room.
- Classrooms will refrain from high fives, "ballerina hugs", fist bumps, stickers, and stamps.
- Classrooms will have staggered dismissal (3-5 minutes) to allow for student transitions.

Gradual Re-Opening & Continuous Parent Communication

- We are gradually reopening with roughly 50% of our class attendance being offered in person for the Fall term.
- Please visit our website and join our STG Facebook page for regular updates.

Arrival & Departure

- Students will enter using the side doors to each classroom. At this time, we ask that parents wait in their cars or outside during classes to help with social distancing in the building. One parent of little dancers under age 5 are able to wait inside with a mask if necessary for child comfort. Parents may use main entrance if accompanying a student age 2-5.
- Please limit parent drop off to one person whenever possible. Sibling visitors cannot be accommodated during this term.
- Students will be asked to exit the class room door and parents please wait outside for kids to be released. At the end of class, parents must be by the door to receive their child. Students cannot walk across the parking lot to go to their parents for safety reasons.



Bathroom Use

- We encourage all students to use the restroom at home before coming to class.
- Bathrooms will be limited for emergencies and will be cleaned frequently
- Bathroom facility use will be limited during this term.

Masks

- Our employees will be wearing masks in entrances, hallways, lobby, restrooms, etc. with some exceptions during teaching/dancing time when they are facing the mirror and more than 6 ft. from their students.
- Mask wearing for students and parents is at personal/parental discretion unless our local health department has a change or update in our guidelines. However, students are encouraged to use our floor tape, and personal 6 ft. boxes during dance class, and maintain social distancing.