

To our Ovation Dance Families,

Since Friday March 13th, we have had to rethink our way of class structure and business altogether. We followed, and continue to follow, the CDC guidelines as closely as possible by closing our studio doors and diving into zoom classes till, we were able to start hosting privates. We have none moved into Phase Four as of this past Friday June 26th, and we are pleased to say that we can be back in the studio! We could not be more excited to be back with our dancers, but there will be some new rules implemented that will be crucial to the health and safety of our students and staff.

First off, we want to say that you will not be forced into the studio by any means and we will respect your choice to keep your dancer(s) on zoom for a little bit longer. We are in a transitioning period and know that it is still uneasy for some. We will continue to have zoom up and, in the studio, while classes are taking place! This goes for solos as well, if you are not ready then we will continue to cater to you over zoom.

Second, we are requiring your dancer(s) to wear masks during their time in the building. We understand this is hard for our younger kids but in order to keep everyone safe we need all our students to wear them. We also plan to have the floors marked off with the necessary space in between each dancer. We are taking this very seriously and if your dancer walks into the studio with no mask, they will not be able to participate until they have a mask on. We will not be providing masks so please make sure your student has a mask on before they walk in the door.

Third, we must cut down on who and what is in our building due the guidelines. This means that for now, parents, you will just be dropping your dancer off and coming back for them after class or wait in your car. We understand not wanting to leave our Jr. dancers due to age and shorter classes, so you are able to walk them in and then you will have to wait in your cars. Also, this means that we cannot have dancers dropped early, meaning more than 5-10 minutes from the start of their class. It is also important that our dancers are picked up at the time of their class ending or very close. We understand that things happen, and we will not fault anyone for that but please do all that you can to make sure they are picked up on time. This just makes the transition from one class to the next easier and safer. If you were already doing this, then please continue as you were. We also need to cut down on what our students are bringing into the building. Dancers are allowed their own water bottle, (we can no longer provide) their dance shoes, and phones (if they need one). This is just for now. We understand that some dancers come for several hours a night, those students should try to eat before they come.

We understand that this is a lot of new studio guidelines, but we want you to know that we are doing all that we can to keep your dancer(s) healthy and safe, but also get them back in the studio so they can feel like they are back to a "normal" routine. We have decided to keep the same schedule we have been using for June and just extend the time, so the kids are back to their usual class length. A new updated schedule will follow. Our summer camps have always taken place in July but due to everything that has happened, we are not hosting our summer camps this year. As August comes, we will continue to evolve and adapt. We hope that you help us with our new rules and be patient as we work our way through more uncharted territory. Thank you all for the continuous support and working with us during these hard times! We could not say thank you enough!

Love and Dance, Miss Alana