



## Yanarella School of Dance

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### *Dear Yanarella Families,*

We are taking every precaution and are following the strict guidelines mandated by the order. Our operating and safety protocols will be outlined below.

We encourage each of you to assess your own comfort levels and risk factors before making the decision to return to the studio. Our community's health and safety are our number one priority and we urge you to take whatever personal precautions you need to, including staying home. For those of you who are uncomfortable returning to the studio, our online zoom classes will still be available.

Here is a breakdown of what returning to the dance studio will look like, including YSD safety and sanitation protocols in compliance with the CDC recommendations and all official state and county orders:

#### **What WE are doing before you get to the studio (general measures to reduce exposure):**

- YSD will restrict the number of students allowed in the dance studio at one time.
- Class sizes have been reduced to no more than 12 people and tape will be placed on the dance floor to ensure appropriate spacing according to social distancing guidelines (min 6ft.)
- Sanitizing spray and hand sanitizer will be available throughout the studio. Bathrooms will be stocked with hand soap for washing hands.
- Class formats have been adjusted so there is no shared equipment.
- Extra time will be provided between our classes to allow for thorough sanitation of all equipment and surfaces and to limit contact of students between classes.
- Staff will disinfect all common surfaces (e.g., door knobs, counter surfaces, barres, etc.) in between every class.
- All teachers will be required to wear a mask.
- Teachers will be instructed to sanitize their hands upon entry (and frequently throughout their time in the studio).
- All staff must comply with social distancing and hand-washing protocols and will refrain from entering the building if they are experiencing any of the pre-screen symptoms listed above.
- All YSD protocols and appropriate signage will be posted at entrances and throughout the studio.

#### **What it looks like when YOU attend the studio (General Protocol for Dancers):**

*Please note that our regular policy is still in effect in addition to the following.*

- **Students will be asked to use the entrance of the room where their classes will be held (not necessarily the main entrance) and to exit through the middle door.** *Doors will be labeled as followed: Main Entrance/Big Room: A, Long Room/Smaller Waiting Area: B, Middle Room (Exit Only): C.*
- **All teachers and dancers (and anyone entering the building) will be required to wear a mask.**
- **Students and teachers will be instructed to sanitize their hands upon entry (and frequently throughout their time in the studio)**
- **No parents/guardians/siblings/friends, etc. will be allowed to come into the facility.** *We will have an outside drop-off/pick-up procedure. To limit the amount of people in the studio, we ask that you be on time for drop off and pick up. Students will not be allowed to wait in the studio during long breaks.*
- **All dancers will have their temperature taken and verbally screened by YSD staff members for symptoms prior to entering the premises.** *Dancers will have their temperature taken via touchless thermometer and asked about the following symptoms: headache, sore throat, fever, dry cough, recent inability to taste or smell, shortness of breath, body aches, fatigue, diarrhea, vomiting, abdominal pain.*
- **Once the dancer is screened they will then be assigned to a cubby and a matching spot on the floor.** *We ask them to go straight to their cubby, change their shoes and securely store their things, and then find the corresponding spot on the dance floor (i.e. Student is given cubby 1A and will go to matching spot 1A marked on the dance floor).*
- **We request dancers limit the amount of personal items brought into the dance studio.** *Please use a smaller dance bag and only bring necessary items (e.g. a small drawstring bag with water bottle and dance shoes necessary for the classes scheduled for the day.) Please limit the layers you bring and store everything in a cubby prior to starting class. This is to avoid bringing further outside contaminants into the facility. Additional cubbies have been added to each room.*
- **All water bottles must be stored in your dance bag when not used.** *Use of a water filling station will be prohibited. Cups will no longer be provided to dancers. Dancers are allowed to bring multiple water bottles, but will not be allowed to fill them from water sources within the facility.*
- **Students may bring their phone, but their phones must stay in their bags AT ALL TIMES.**
- **Students will no longer be permitted to charge their phones in the studio.**
- **Food is no longer permitted in the studio.**
- **Dancers will not share equipment during classes.**
- **Dancers must sanitize hands after blowing their nose, sneezing, coughing or using restrooms.**

- **Sneakers are no longer allowed to be worn for classes (Hip-Hop, Zumba, etc).** *Only dance shoes will be allowed on the dance floor, please remove outside shoes before entering the dance floors.*
- **If a dancer or someone they've been in contact with has tested positive for covid-19, or is showing symptoms, we ask that they please stay home and feel free to take advantage of the online zoom stream.**
- Find enclosed our new supplementary pandemic waiver which includes the COVID-19 virus. It is imperative that this waiver is completed in full and returned by the start of classes on July 7, 2020. This waiver can be dropped in the mailbox at the studio or mailed to Yanarella School of Dance PO Box 111 or 8 Van Ness Road Beacon, NY 12508. This paperwork must be received in order for your child to be eligible to resume in-studio classes

**We want to create a safe environment for all students and teachers. Dancers are expected to adhere to instructions provided with respect to social distancing, failure to do so may result in a student being sent home.**

*Thank you for your understanding and cooperation during these difficult times. We are very excited to get back in studio with all of you,*

**Angela Van Vlack**  
*Director/Owner/ R.N.*