

Summer Health Protocols
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We strive to create a welcoming, creative and fun environment for our students. This goal does not change as we put COVID-19 health and safety protocols in place to help everyone stay well. But these do change some logistics for our families.

As we re-open for summer, we will follow the CDC guidelines. This will be a learning experience for all of us, and we thank you in advance for your patience and understanding. We anticipate changes in these protocols as we understand more about best practices and practicalities as time goes on.

Please take a moment to learn how we will conduct our summer program:

- Everyone ages nine and older are expected to wear a mask in the facility.
- Students may have ONE parent or guardian come into the facility. No additional people will be allowed in the facility so that we may minimize the number of people in the building and allow space for social distancing. We will continue to offer the classes (not camps) on ZOOM for observation. To follow CDC recommendations, adults in the facility are expected to wear a mask and maintain social distancing as much as possible.
- Students must be fever-free without fever-reducing medication for 48 hours prior to attending to –returning to class or camp. Parents/guardians are asked to monitor their child for illness and refrain from bringing them to the studio if they are ill. Parents/guardians are asked report to TDF staff if their child displays any COVID-19 symptoms and to report to TDF staff if their child has been in contact with any person who has or who has been exposed to COVID-19.
- If a student shows signs of illness during class or camp, TDF staff will ask the parent/guardian to pick up their child.
- Students may not wear street shoes in the studios; dance shoes are not allowed outside the facility such as on the sidewalk or in the parking lot. We recommend students find shoes such as Crocs to slip on over their ballet shoes or change shoes before entering the studio space.
- All faculty and staff will wear masks.
- Students younger than nine years old are strongly encouraged to wear masks in the hallways and common spaces as well as class. Faculty and staff will make every attempt to kindly encourage students to keep their mask on while participating, but this may not be possible.
- Social distancing will be encouraged in the camp/class space as much as possible; creative props and space markings will be devised to help younger students socially distance in ways that are not overt or strict; the goal is to minimize close contact.
- Students will wash hands before and after class, and when they leave and return to the space. Hand sanitizer will also be used as students enter the studio space.
- Camps and classes will have fewer students to allow for social distancing; camps have been revised for a shorter time frame and will not include lunch.
- Drinking fountains will not be in use. Students should bring a labelled water bottle.
- Dressing rooms will not be in use; students may change in the restrooms.
- Students will be assigned space for personal items inside their studio.
- Only props and equipment which can be sanitized will be used in class, and will be sanitized after each use; sharing items will be significantly minimized or not allowed as the activity and safety warrant.
- Protocols will be in place if staff/faculty/student becomes ill including contact tracing to the best of our ability.
- Facility will have an enhanced cleaning schedule.

Protocols are subject to change as CDC guidelines and recommendations dictate. Thank you.