



COVID 19 Studio Policies & Safety Protocols as of 12/4/2020

With recommendations from the CDC along with guidance from the Florida Department of Health (both state & county divisions), Dance Mania is committed to providing the safest learning environment possible. Below are details regarding current safety policies in place. Dancers registering for any classes, practices, or events held at the studio, are doing so voluntarily and release Dance Mania LLC of all liability in relation to COVID. **This release is signed at all registrations.**

What are the current COVID safety protocols in place?

- **Temperature Checks & Hand Sanitizing:** Dance Mania will **discontinue** temperature checks upon entry to the building. Parents are responsible for monitoring their dancer's temperature. Dancers with fevers of **100.4° F** or higher should remain at home. Dancers will **continue to receive hand sanitizer upon arrival**. Dancers will continue to receive hand sanitizer / breaks for handwashing throughout their classes as needed.
- **Lobby Area:** The Break Room, Lobby / Hallway Viewing (exceptions listed below), & Water Fountains remain **CLOSED** at this time. **The Concession Stand will remain closed. Re-opening date is still TBD.**
- **Social Distancing (Lobby Area):** The lobby remains **closed** to all parents & guests. Exceptions to this are parents of new dancers (1st class only – limit 1 parent / guardian. No siblings), parents of dancers ages 3 & under, & to drop off payments as needed. **The use of a face mask is required for any individual entering the lobby this includes dancers and visitors 5 & older.**
- **Social Distancing (Studio Rooms):** Each studio has been marked with X's for each dancer. These X's have been measured to help dancers maintain 6 feet from each at all times during class. **Dancers will be allowed to move throughout classes and will NOT remain on X's. Social distancing will still be encouraged. Dance Abilities dancers will remain on X's.**
- **Personal Belongings (Dancers):** Dancers should bring the following –
 1. Spill proof water bottle (enough to last for duration of time they are at the studio) & small dance bag with personal belongings
 2. Dancers that stay at the studio and have a break are permitted to pack a snack in their dance bag.
 3. Face Mask to use when in the Lobby area
- **Face Mask Requirement (Visitors & Dancers):** Any individual entering the studio (**ages 5 & up**) will not be allowed into the building without a proper face mask on. Visitors & guests must keep mask on throughout their time in the studio.
- **UPDATED! Face Mask Requirement (Dancers on Dance Mania Teams):** All dancers are required to have face masks when in the lobby –
 1. Dancers (**Tiny's and up**) are required to bring masks to team practices only. Masks should be labeled with dancer's initials.
 2. Coaches will instruct dancers on when to wear face masks during times when coaches or other dancers are in close contact with each other for 15 minutes or longer. Dancers/Coaches **will NOT** be required to wear masks when dancers are not in close contact for less than 15 minutes.
 3. **UPDATED! STUDIO RECREATIONAL DANCERS:** Any dancers in recreational classes should wear masks upon arrival but are not required to wear masks during classes. This is because the opportunities for close contact (15 min or longer) do not occur as frequently during classes.
 4. **DANCE ABILITIES BEST BUDDIES & COACHES** will wear masks throughout practices & classes.
 5. **TATER TOTS / MCNUGGET DANCERS** will NOT be required to wear masks.
- **** Use of face masks will not only protect the health of our students, but it will limit the need to quarantine if a positive case is reported to the studio as long as there was no close contact exposure.**
- **Face Mask Requirement (Staff):** All staff members are required to wear face masks during the following circumstances. Dance Abilities coaches & best buddies will continue to wear masks throughout practice –
 1. When in close contact with any dancer, parent / guardian, or visitors (*15 minutes or longer*)
 2. When checking in / checking out dancers
 3. When working in studio recreational classes with dancers ages 5 & Under (*includes Tater Tots & McNuggets practices*)
- **Sanitization Protocol (Equipment):** All equipment and materials used during classes will be disinfected in the following manner –
 1. **Acro Mats (Vinyl & Carpet):** Mats will be disinfected after each use. Vinyl mats will be wiped down and sanitized using disinfectant products. Carpet based mats will be sanitized using a disinfectant spray.
 2. **Dance Scarfs / Hula Hoops / Etc:** Dance scarfs will be machine washed and disinfected after each class. Hula hoops and other like items used during classes will be wiped down and sanitized using high grade disinfectant products.
 3. **Ballet Barres / Chairs / Etc:** All ballet barres, chairs, etc will be wiped down between use with high grade disinfectant products.
- **Sanitization Protocol (Lobby, Bathroom, & General Hallway Area):** All areas considered "common touch" areas (door knobs, sinks, etc) will be disinfected after each use. To limit contact, staff will be handling most opening and closing of studio / restroom doors. All restrooms will be thoroughly disinfected after each use. This includes door handles, toilet seats, toilet seat handles, and sinks.
- **Sanitization Protocol (Dance Rooms):** All rooms and dance spaces will be thoroughly disinfected and wiped down between classes and at the end of each practice day. All "common touch" and any like areas will be disinfected as well.
- **Drop Off / Pick Up Protocol:** To limit the number of dancers entering the building, two methods of pick up / drop off may be used. The method used is based on the class / practice and will be specified prior to each class / practice. The two methods are:
 1. **Car Loop Drop Off / Pick Up:** This method will be used primarily for classes held in Studio 6 & Studio Recreational classes & like events. Cars will line up at the front of the studio with the passenger door closest to the front door. Dancers will be allowed into the building one at a time. For pick up, the use of a car tag with the dancers' name is strongly encouraged to help expedite the pickup process.
 2. **Back of Studio Parking:** This method will be used for any classes being held in studio 7 or studio 8. Parents will park in the back and wait for a coach / instructor to wave them in **one at a time**. Parents should have a car tag with the dancers' name visible so that coaches / instructors can easily identify them during the drop off and pick up process.
 3. **Dancers are not permitted to wait longer than 30 minutes between classes, practices, or private lessons. If they must wait in the lobby for 15 minutes or longer for any reason, they will be required to wear a mask. Approval must be given for these circumstances at least 24 hours in advance. Contact the office directly at dmaofficestaff@gmail.com.**



COVID 19 Social Distancing Policies & Exposure / Case Protocols

DANCE MANIA SAFETY PROMISE & EXPECTATION

Dance Mania and its staff pride themselves on trying to maintain and uphold the safest learning environment for all dancers. The protocols and safety measures currently in place were created to help prevent the need for studio closure due to a COVID outbreak.

Dance Mania reserves the right to amend our policies & procedures at any time.

What does a Dance Mania Team Practice OR Studio Class look like?

Recreational Studio Classes –

- Coaches will maintain their social distance from their dancers as needed.
- Dancers will be allowed to travel throughout the floor for drills and skills. **The use of masks is optional for studio dancers.**
- **Bathrooms:** Dancers will be sent to use the restroom in small groups. Younger dancers will be escorted by a coach/staff member as needed.
- Dancers will also receive hand sanitizer / breaks for handwashing throughout their classes as needed.

Dance Mania Performance / Competition Team Practices –

- Dancers will be assigned a safety cone, socially distant, along the wall to place their belongings down.
- Dancers will complete stretch, conditioning, drills, & like activities on socially distant X's but may move throughout class.
- During times that dancers are practicing their dances, the use of face masks will be required if the dancers are in close contact for 15 minutes or longer. **(Close contact in the studio is when dancers are within less than 6 feet of each other for longer than 15 minutes unmasked.)**
- Practices are being conducted to allow for reduced opportunity where dancers are in close contact for 15 minutes or longer.
- Dancers will also receive hand sanitizer / breaks for handwashing throughout their classes as needed.
- **Bathrooms:** Dancers will be sent to use the restroom in small groups. **Younger dancers will be escorted by a coach/staff member as needed.**

What is the expectation of the parent / guardian if a dancer or immediate family member tests positive?

Should a dancer / immediate family member test positive, the parent / guardian is expected to:

- **Notify Studio Owner Immediately**
Coach Dana Parsons at dancemaniacoach@dancemaniaallstars.org . Allow Coach Dana to contact individuals that may have been exposed (in close contact exposure) **IF** needed.
- **Keep Dancer Home to Meet CDC Guidelines for Quarantine**
Any dancers testing positive will be required to self-isolate in accordance to CDC guidelines. Dance Mania will not require testing upon dancer's return.

What is the studio policy if a dancer &/or staff member tests positive?

Should a dancer &/or staff member test positive, **Dance Mania** will:

- **Notify Close Contacts**
Only dancers who were considered to have been in close contact (*for over 15 minutes unmasked*) with the COVID positive individual will be contacted and required to self-isolate in accordance to CDC guidelines or guidance from health care professional. The identity of the individual will remain confidential at all times in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and HIPPA laws.
- **Notify Studio Staff**
- **Complete a deep cleaning of facility**

When is the parent / guardian required to keep a student(s) home to be quarantined?

A parent / guardian should keep a dancer(s) home to quarantine if:

- The dancer tests positive for COVID19
- The dancer or immediate family member are displaying COVID-like symptoms
- An immediate family member living in the same household **tested positive** for COVID 19
- **IF** the dancer or immediate family member are awaiting COVID test results

What is the required quarantine time frame for any exposure to a COVID positive individual?

- **Test Positive for COVID-19** If you test positive for COVID-19, you will quarantine for 10 days from when the symptoms first appeared. If you did NOT show symptoms, you will quarantine starting from the date you received a positive COVID-19 test. As a reminder, anyone who tested positive for COVID-19, does not need to test again, or quarantine again if exposed for up to 3 months.
- **When to quarantine after known exposure (known exposure: within 6 feet of someone with Covid-19 for 15 minutes or longer)**
If you have known exposure, you may stop quarantine on day 10 without testing OR on day 7, after receiving a negative test (test must occur on day 5 or later). Any form of COVID testing is acceptable.

When is Dance Mania required to send a student(s) home to be quarantined?

Dance Mania will send a dancer home to quarantine if a dancer is displaying COVID-like symptoms **-or-** was in close contact to a COVID positive individual.

Is Dance Mania required to close the facility down?

Per the Florida Department of Health and CDC guidelines, the studio is not required to close due to a positive reporting of COVID in the studio. A deep cleaning will be done on top of the daily cleaning that currently occurs multiple times throughout the day.

What is the make-up policy for dancers needing to miss class / practice due to having to quarantine?

Dancers on Competition / Performance Teams –

- Dancers needing to miss practices, due to quarantine, will be able to Zoom in to their team practices. Participation will be kept confidential. **Parents will need to contact the Head Coach directly. Cutoff to request Zoom link will be 2:00 P.M. each day.**

Dancers Enrolled in Studio Recreational Classes –

- Dancers needing to miss class, due to quarantine, will be able to make up classes as needed.
- Parents will need to contact the office directly at dmaofficestaff@gmail.com, to schedule make up classes.

