

Premier School of Dance Fall Guidelines: 2020

We are opening Fall 2020 with full in-person options along with several virtual options. We plan to adjust accordingly (throughout the year) as needed with the changing situation. If we have to close because of an illness those classes will go to an all virtual format via Zoom until it is safe to return. However, our main preference is in-person teaching! We know that Zoom is a difficult platform for many students and we hope to utilize it only as needed/required.

The health and safety of our dancers and staff is our # 1 priority. We plan to do everything possible to keep our dance studio clean while still providing a great environment for dance and creativity this year. Your cooperation will be so important in keeping our studio open and a healthy place for your dancer.

Premier is updating our guidelines as of August 2nd, 2020 for our 2020-2021 season. We will update this document according to local health guidelines as needed throughout the year. We will consistently incorporate as much social distancing as possible within our classroom. We have 6' spacing marked off for each dancer & teacher; along with the Ballet barre. Please note : *** the nature of Dance involves movement and it may not be possible to keep everyone exactly 6 ft apart at every moment***. The enrollment capacity of each class and level will be based upon on the room size and the above spacing guidelines. This may result in classes filling up quickly with limited class sizes.

Before coming to the studio:

- Monitor your family's health closely before class. Please do not bring them if they feel sick or have a raised temperature. Do not bring your child if any family member has been sick with COVID-19 in the last 2 weeks. If your child or anyone in your immediate family becomes sick please let us know. We have several options in place for dancers that may have to miss class.
- Please review our guidelines with your dancer so that they understand what is expected of them prior to arriving. We want everyone to feel comfortable during their stay.

Arriving and departing the studio:

- Dancers should enter/exit through their assigned class door only (Warehouse & Studio A go through their outside door, Studio B & C only will go through the lobby. ALL students should wait outside until their door is opened by the teacher prior to entering.
- Please do not drop off your dancer more than 5 minutes ahead of their scheduled class time.
- Parents of Combo level dancers, Level 1, Level 2 and anyone who is new to Premier are welcome to walk their dancer into their classroom following these guidelines.
- Dancers can either wash hands or use hand sanitizer upon entering and exiting their classroom. They are encouraged to also bring their own.
- **Dancers over the age of 10 will need to wear their mask during class, as per the mandate set by the Governor. While dancing, breathing can be difficult with a mask on, dancers will be given a break if needed. Teachers will also wear their mask while teaching.**
- The main lobby will remain closed to parents other than walking younger dancers into class. You may visit the front desk for billing questions but please do not linger. We encourage all families to set up online billing, and to check their email and parent portal page frequently throughout the year as to limit front desk interactions. Anyone who needs help with shoes or has an extended billing question we ask that you make an appointment with the front desk during their regular business hours which are:
 - Monday-Thursday, 4:00-8:30pm
 - Friday 4:30-7:00pm
 - Saturday 8:30-11:30am
- Dressing rooms will not be available until further notice. Hallway cubbies will not be available.
- We ask that all dancers arrive dressed and ready for class. Restrooms are available, and drinking fountain is open. The drinking fountain is also open, but we encourage dancers to bring their own water bottle.
- All students should arrive with a dance bag to contain their belongings. Please put their name on the outside of their bag. Space within the classroom for bags will be provided at 6' intervals.

- All classes (except for Creative Dance) will dismiss 10 minutes prior to their scheduled end time (for example: a 4:15-5:15pm class will let out at 5:05pm). Since our lobby and dressing room will not be open for students to wait in we need this “passing period” to switch groups and clean high touch areas.
- Parents should promptly pick up dancers. If you are delayed please call the front desk so we can have that dancer wait inside for you.

Facility :

- If parents need to purchase any dance items please email to schedule an appointment during the above front desk office hours.
- No kitchen use, other than teachers.
- One student in restroom at a time. Please review proper hand washing with your dancer.
- All floors will be sanitized each night.
- Commonly used surfaces will be disinfected frequently, such as Ballet barres, light switches, door handles, restroom surfaces.
- When weather appropriate, the outside doors will be left open for fresh air.

Tuition/New Policies :

- First month’s tuition is due at the time of enrollment in August this covers your September tuition. If you enroll mid month your tuition is pro-rated.
- Tuition is due the 9th of each month, with a late fee of \$10 being applied on the 15th.
- If an in-person class moves to Zoom for a short period of time tuition will remain the same. If we are required to do virtual classes for an extended period of time tuition will become discounted.
- Classes that are exclusively Virtual will pay a discounted rate always.
- This year Performance Fees will be charged in September (please note there is no tuition due in September) please see below for what this entails.
- There will be NO snow closures unless weather changes during the evening of classes already taking place. If it’s clear we’re going to need to close for poor weather all classes affected will move to Zoom for that day.

Performance Fees Fall/Winter 2020 :

- Ballet students who wish to participate in the Nutcracker will be charged a \$40 Performance Fee September 1st, which due on September 15th. This fee covers costume rental from Premier, costume cleaning, dress rehearsal time, and a digital download of the Performance. (Professionally filmed & edited)
- Holiday Show Classes (all non-Ballet classes) who wish to participate in our in-studio Holiday Performances will be charged a \$25 Performance Fee on September 1st, which is due on September 15th. This fee covers a performance T-shirt, a performance ribbon, and red carpet experience!
- Dancers in more than one Holiday Show Class will only be charged the \$25 fee one time, and a \$10 performance fee for any subsequent classes (ie: if you take Jazz & Lyrical you are charged \$35 total)
- Premier itself will be our performance venue this season and we look forward to making new Holiday memories with everyone! All current health guidelines at that time will be followed and will determine whether an in-studio audience is permitted.
- Anyone who wishes not to participate in either the Nutcracker or in-studio Holiday Performances must notify us in writing prior to September 15th.

Fall 2020 Dates

August 21st	Fall Classes Begin!
September 5th-7th	Studio Closed (Labor Day)
September 15th	Nutcracker & Holiday Show Performance Fees Due
November 23rd-28th	Studio Closed (Thanksgiving)
December 11th-17th	In-Class Holiday Performances *see more below*
December 18th	Nutcracker Dress Rehearsal (@ Premier)
December 19th	Nutcracker Performance (@ Premier)