

Premier School of Dance Winter/Spring Guidelines: 2021

We are opening January 2021 with full in-person classes. 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!

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 January 1, 2021. 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. 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 the room size and the above spacing guidelines.

Before coming to the studio:

- o 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.
- o 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:

- o 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.
- o Please do not drop off your dancer more than 5 minutes ahead of their scheduled class time.
- o 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.
- o Dancers can either wash hands or use hand sanitizer upon entering and exiting their classroom. They are encouraged to also bring their own.
- o **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.**
- o 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 an extended billing question we ask that you make an appointment with the front desk during their regular business hours which are:
 - o Monday-Thursday, 4:00-8:30pm
 - o Friday 4:30-7:00pm
 - o Saturday 8:30-11:30am
- o Dressing rooms will not be available. We ask that all dancers arrive dressed and ready for class. Restrooms are available.
- o All students should arrive with a dance bag to contain their belongings. Space within the classroom for bags will be provided at 6' intervals. Hallway cubbies will not be available.

- o All classes (except for Creative Dance) will dismiss 5 minutes prior to their scheduled end time (for example: a 4:15-5:15pm class will let out at 5:10pm). 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.
- o 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 :

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

Tuition/New Policies :

- o Tuition is due the 9th of each month, with a late fee of \$10 being applied on the 15th.
- o 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 100% virtual classes for an extended period of time tuition will become discounted.
- o This year a Recital Fees will be charged in March please see below for what this entails.
- o 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/Costume Fees for Spring Recital 2021:

- o Costume fees will be a flat fee of \$65.00 per costume for ALL classes. (This is a lower than normal rate this year, and we will return to our regular fee structure next year). Since we did not require a costume deposit in December we ask that your costume fees be paid in 2 payments; half of your total fee in January and the remaining fee in February. Dancers will be measured the first week of classes, and orders will go out right away.
- o Recital Fee will be \$50.00 per family and will be due in March. This fee covers our stage set up and digital download of the Performance. (Professionally filmed & edited)
- o Premier itself will be our performance venue this season, unless we can find a larger venue, depending on guidelines in May. Current health guidelines at that time will be followed and will determine whether an in-studio audience is permitted.
- o Anyone who wishes not to participate in the Recital must notify us in writing prior to January 10th. All dancers will learn choreography.
- o If we are allowed to have Picture Day we will schedule in April.

Spring 2021 Dates

January 4th:	Classes resume
January 15th:	Costume payments due
February 15th:	Costume balance due
March 15th:	Recital Fee due
Spring Break:	March 22-28th (studio closed)
May 29th & 31st:	Memorial Weekend (studio closed)
June 1st -5th:	Recital Week!!