

## Teknique School of Dance

### Studio COVID-19 Policies & Plan 2021/2022 season

- Guardians of students will be required to fill out the COVID symptom screening online/paper survey before entering the studio. This can be done from home or upon arrival at the studio. One will have to be filled out for every session. (7 week sessions) (full year will need to be filled out every 10 weeks or before the next payment). **Students will not be permitted to enter the studio until Teknique School of Dance receives this form.**
- **Self-Asses before each class you attend** at <http://covid-19.ontario.ca/sef-assessment/>
- Students are required to wear a mask upon entry to the studio in the waiting area and as they exit. **This is in accordance with the Haldimand County By-law for masks.** We ask that you bring a plastic Ziplock bag or reusable container to place them in while they are not in use. Students may remove them once in their dance space and will not be required to wear them in class; however, this is up to parent discretion.
- Students will be directed to use the hand sanitizer provided by the studio upon entry and before leaving. There will also be Hand sanitizer in the dance rooms.
- Students will be asked to remove their shoes upon entry. Students will then move straight to their dance room with all their items.
- Students are encouraged to keep all personal items at home and only bring in what is needed for class to the studio. Students will be bringing all items with them to class. We encourage all students to place all their items in a bag (including their jackets).
- Class sizes will be reduced to meet Health & Safety requirements
- The studio waiting room will be closed to parents. If your child is under the age of 5, Only one parent will be permitted, and we ask that you do not bring any siblings who are not dancing. We do encourage you to wait outside or in your vehicles if you are able but ask that you do not leave the studio property. If you need to use our washroom you may do so.
- The Studio will have just the main entrances and exit this year, Except for Saturday classes, Room 1 will use Unit 4 entrance & Room 2 will use Unit 5 entrance. for each studio. Studio 3 will now be the waiting area for studio 2 on Saturdays.
- The class schedule is structured with as many classes back to back as possible to accommodate those who take multiple classes. Classes will also take place in the same room for the entire night to keep students from having to cross over between rooms as much as possible. Teachers will be the ones travelling between classrooms.
- Some classes with high change over in students will be separated by 15minutes to accommodate cleaning and disinfecting between classes. The back to back schedule will help to reduce this as well.
- Each studio floor has been marked with tape to create squares. Each dancer will dance within their own square and in doing so maintain a physical distance.
- For Acro each dancer will be given their own mat within their square that will be sanitized before and after class and stored in a secure area. Teachers will be spotting this year but will wear a mask while doing so.
- All touch surfaces will be disinfected after use. The studio will have a full cleaning at the end of each night.
- Increased daily and weekly cleaning & disinfecting protocols will be implemented outside of class hours.
- Each studio will have its own designated bathroom and will not share between studio rooms.

- Students are encouraged to bring full water bottles with them to class (depending on their length of time they are there they may want to bring extra). Filling of water bottles will not be permitted in the studio for sanitary reasons. We will stock a supply of water bottles for those who need them.
- Teachers will sanitize their belongings and stations before moving between classes.
- Increased signage relating to COVID 19 protocols will be placed around the studio.
- All competitive students are still required to take ballet class. If your child does not want to compete or do choreography, they will be asked to do the tech class for their age group. 2 Ballet classes are required for Lyrical and Acro.
- Competitive students will be required to wear the proper dance attire, please see dress code.
- Although we are hoping to have a year end recital for our students to showcase their hard work, we do not yet know what this will look like. This decision will be made in January. There is no costume fee due until this decision has been made, however we will try our best to reuse costumes from years past where we can.
- Three Strikes rule will be suspended for the 2021/2022 year as well. If you are sick, please stay home. We will be placing any new choreography onto google classroom. However, if we find that students are missing too frequently or that you are taking advantage of the situation, parent, student, and director will be having a meeting to discuss this.
- Please pack small quick snacks for students to eat between classes. There will be no microwave available to reduce high touch areas. Please do not pack snacks in the same lunch bag that students take to school. We also ask that the snacks be clean and easy as most students will be in the dance room during these breaks. Parents can take their children to eat outside or in their vehicle, please send us a message via the Remind app so we can safely send your child out. We encourage students to eat their dinner before they arrive at the studio when possible
- It is important that parents only drop students off 5 minutes before their class and are prompt at picking their child up after class.
- Doors and windows in the studio will be open as much as possible.
- All payments are due at the beginning of each session. We have divided our regular season up by 10 week sessions. If the studio is required to close due to COVID-19 there will be no refunds issued for that session.
- All classes will continue Zoom if the studio must close due to COVID-19
- All communication about studio closures, COVID-19, Holiday Reminders, Weather related and any notes regarding events, studio information will be done through the Remind app. We will not be sending home any paper letters this year. Once you are registered, we will send you the code if you have not already signed up.

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_