

Lititz Academy of Dance
COVID POLICIES
~updated September 2021

Due to the recent surge in COVID Delta Variant cases in Lancaster County, for the safety of our entire studio family, we have updated our COVID POLICIES. Please know that these policies are the result of an incredible amount of thought, talk, tears, anxiety, research, and advice – seeking from medical professionals. These policies are for the beginning of our school year and are subject to change as circumstances change. Thank you so much for your understanding! Please read thoroughly – some policies are being revisited, while others are not. We are committed to keeping dance fun, stress-free, educational, and of the highest quality. These are the policies we will go by to begin our dance year:

Health Screening / Temperature Checks before entering studio:

SO VERY IMPORTANT! Before bringing your dancer to the studio, please be sure to screen for signs of illness / fever. This, of course, is not only for COVID reasons, but for all reasons. Please, PLEASE, do NOT bring your dancer if ill or with a fever. Thank you!

Face coverings

To begin our year, we are asking those in the studio to please wear masks (or face shields.) Generous mask breaks will be given! We are so hoping that this is as temporary as possible! But for now, while Lancaster County cases are high, with the CDC guidelines, the recent mask mandate in schools, and with the advice of medical professionals, we feel the need to ask this. That said, we do have some dance family members who present medical exceptions, and we understand and will work with them. Again, this is our plan to begin the year, and hopefully it is temporary. Many thanks for your understanding!!! I am truly just trying to do the best I can for everyone, as best as I can. Upon request, disposable masks may be available for the cost of \$1 each, and will be charged to your account.

Hand Sanitizer

Though we will continue to have several hand sanitizing stations throughout the studio, we would like to ask dancers to bring their own hand sanitizer when they can. We will ask students to apply hand sanitizer themselves before and after class.

Cleaning / Sanitizing / Disinfecting

In addition to our studio being professionally cleaned on a regular basis, we will continue to sanitize between classes and at the end of the night. We use hospital grade products.

Studio Lobby

To begin the year, we will do what we did last year: We need to please ask that the only parents who come into the studio to observe classes be the parents of our Combo students. Thank you so much for this! This actually went very well last year. Of course, if you need to come in to visit the office during office hours, that is fine! We ask all parents / guardians that when coming in, to please keep it to one family member. (Of course we understand if a younger sibling needs to come, as well! We just mean in general, to please keep the adults to one per family.) Thank you!

Water Fountains

Water fountains will remain closed for the time being. Please bring your own water bottle!

For students who have been quarantined:

If students have been told to quarantine, they must quarantine from the studio, also. Students may return to the studio when their healthcare provider, or PA Dept. of Health says that they may. We do not have our own separate policy on this – this must be up to the health officials / healthcare provider, as

we are not medical people. Please do not ask us for a different protocol – this MUST be up to your healthcare provider or PA Dept. of Health. Thank you for your understanding. Of course, this also applies to any adults who wish to enter the studio. Thank you!

Once more, I cannot begin to express to you:

- * the thought that went into these policies;
 - * how great the hope is that the need for these policies goes away as quickly as possible;
 - * how deeply we care about keeping everyone safe;
 - * how committed we are to making dance amazingly fun;
- or
- *how grateful I am for your understanding.

I love these kids and appreciate you all with all my heart. Thank you.