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## IMPORTANT COVID UPDATE FROM MS AMY

Dear Studio 56 Dance Center and Preschool Families,

I wanted to take a moment and send a message regarding the state-wide mask mandate that is scheduled to be lifted on April 10.

I'm sure many of us see this action as a major milestone, marking the progress our state has made over of the past year. However, businesses (and all of us) are still being asked to act with appropriate caution as we move forward into these new and much-anticipated phases.

While vaccinations are progressing at a positive rate, the risk of COVID-19 transmission is still a factor to account for. As such, we are asking our staff, students, and families to continue wearing masks for all in-person classes, as well as in drop-off and pick-up procedures in and around our studio locations. This will continue until the guidelines for quarantining for an exposure begin to lift. We hope you will see the wisdom in this decision, both for the safety of your precious loved ones, as well as for our continued ability to responsibly provide a place for them to come dance, learn, and socialize.

As a point of information: While we have had a negligible occurrence of COVID-19 in our programs, our students have been able to take over 6,000 classes with zero cases of transmission within our buildings since re-opening. We consider that a major win and owe it, in large part, to your willingness and commitment in following these practices.

As a teacher, a dancer, a business owner, and a mom, I look forward to the day when this is no longer an issue any of us has to worry about. In the meantime, we will continue all of the Safer Studio™ measures that have contributed to our success so far, including providing virtual class options for those who don't feel well, regular well-checks for employees, ongoing facility cleaning, hand sanitization, and face coverings.

As always, we will continue to monitor the situation, making the physical, social, emotional, and mental health and well-being of our students our top priority.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Sincerely,

Amy Moore

#### **COMPETITION SEASON IS THE BEST!**

We couldn't be prouder and happier for the success of our dancers so far this season! We want to thank all of you for being such positive supporters to your dancers, our teams, and teachers. Please remember that you as parents are your child's greatest example. If you remain upbeat and have a positive outlook on life your child is more likely to adapt that same attitude. If you have a bad day and complain out loud about this or that, your child will hear it and will carry that attitude into his/her life. We are so excited to start and end competition on a positive note this year! Help us by reminding our dancers that we go to competitions to improve and get better every time!

## APRIL 29 | IN-CLASS BALLET SHOWCASE WEEK

We are very excited to hold a showcase week for our company ballet program this year. This is an amazing opportunity for parents to see what their dancers are learning and how their dancers are progressing. Below are a few guidelines to keep in mind while participating:

- ONE adult per student will be allowed into the classroom. Masks will be required.
- Please lower voice volume upon entering our waiting areas and studios.
- Seating and space is extremely limited, come prepared to sit on the floor or stand.
- Classes will progress and be presented as they are regularly held, please refrain from distractions that will disrupt learning.
- We expect all observers to treat the classes like a performance, recording or photography is strictly prohibited.
- Please turn off all electronic devices before entering our studios.
- Please do not bring infants or other children into class.
- Teachers are not available for conferences during this week, email <a href="mailto:company@studio56dance.com">company@studio56dance.com</a> with questions or comments.

# Showcase Times, Thursday April 29:

Teeny Company: 4:15-5:00
Mini Company: 6:45-7:30
Petite Company: 5:15-6:00
Junior Company: 8:15-9:00
Collective I: 7:00-8:00
Collective II/III/IV: 4:00-5:00



### **COMPANY AUDITIONS & SUMMER SCHEDULE**

Mark your calendars with the 2021-2022 Studio 56 Dance Center Company summer dates! Auditions will be June 29 – July 1. The outline for summer auditions, summer technique intensive, choreography boot camp, parent meetings, and team activities has been posted <a href="HERE!">HERE!</a> Look it over so you know the best time to plan summer vacations!



# MAY 1-5 | COMPANY ROLLOVER RALLY

To make things easier for you and to give you one less thing to worry about, we've implemented Rollover Membership! Current company members will be automatically enrolled in auditions for the 2021/22 dance season. With your life being wilder now more than ever, we are happy to shorten your to-do list and help you prepare for next year. Our teachers can't wait to see our students continue to grow and flourish. Your audition fee of \$45 will be automatically renewed and applied to your account on June 1, 2021, unless the withdraw form is completed online no later than May 15. If you need to make a change, no problem! Just email the office during Company Rollover Rally from May 1-15 and we'll take care of you. Your discounted membership fee of \$30 will be due after placements are announced and you enroll in your classes for next season.

### WHY WE OFFER COMPETITION TEAMS



**COMPANY SHOWCASE AND CONCERT INFO:** Concert and Company Showcase will look very different this year, but we are determined to provide both experiences for our dancers! Performing Company and Collective teams will participate in both the Showcase and the Concert. All recital fees for both the showcase and the concert are included in the company payment plans unless you added on non-company classes that have new costumes (stars, additional hip hop, dad dance, etc). More details will come next month!

- Keep May 3rd on your calendars for now. This was our original showcase date and we're holding out hope we'll be able to get a venue booked for a performance this evening too! We'll know in early April.
- June 18th Company Showcase
  - We will perform all our competition routines and solos/duos/trios at the showcase.
- June 19th Socially Distanced Mini-Recitals
  - o Teams will be assigned to perform competition routines and a new routine in 1-2 mini-shows.

**PARENT P.A.L.S. RECITAL ASSIGNMENTS:** All company parents will be assigned to a backstage volunteer time for the recital. We appreciate the help of our amazing company parents!

**COMPANY DANCERS IN NON-COMPANY CLASSES PERFORMING AT CONCERT:** Our teachers have loaded their choreography and music to <u>dropbox</u> for you to rehearse at home (this is not the same as your company DB). You can also access this link on our website under, portal, Concert Info, Practice Videos.

## DAD DANCE REHEARSALS START IN APRIL

How amazing are our dance families! We are honored to have so many wonderful dads signed up for this year's Dad Dance! Thank you for being apart of these wonderful memories. We want this to be a wonderful experience for everyone. So, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to call or email.

Rehearsals are held by age. Preschool Dancers (dancers 2y-5years NOT in KND). School-Aged Dancers. If you have dancers in both age ranges, please look for your name on the list twice. Your first two rehearsals will be **dads only**! We will be teaching the bulk of the choreography to you before bringing in your kiddos.

To create ample space and allow for social distancing we will be offering dad dance rehearsals in a couple of different formats. \*Please note that masks will be required for all in-person rehearsals.

- 1. **In-Person:** You have been pre-assigned 2 in-person rehearsals. Can't make your in-person class? Let us know so we can open up your slot for another dad to join us.
- 2. **Virtual:** You have been pre-assigned 2 virtual rehearsals on zoom. Links can be accessed in your parent portal.
- 3. **Pre-Recorded:** We have choreography pre-recorded and loaded to <u>Dropbox</u>. Please practice at home.

HERE you can find the full schedule and all the details we have lined up for our dad dance.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Studio Closed for Spring Break				Tuition Due	2	3
Happy Easter!	5	6	7	8	Aspire Competition	Aspire Competition
Super Hero Princess Week	12	13	13	15	Payment Plan Due  Elite Dance Championship Competition	Elite Dance Championship Competition Dad Dance Practice
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Freestyle Week	26	27	28	Company Ballet Showcase	30 Rocky Mountain Championship Competition	Rocky Mountain Championship Competition

APRIL	29-2 29 9-10 16-17 30	NO CLASSES - Spring Break Company Ballet Showcase COMPETITION: Aspire Dance Pro at Orem High School COMPETITION: Elite Dance Championship at Mountain Ridge High School COMPETITION: Rocky Mountain Classic at American Fork
MAY	<b>1</b> 31	COMPETITION: Rocky Mountain Classic at American Fork NO CLASSES - Memorial Day
JUNE	9 18 19	Tumbling Exhibition - (optional - requires a sign up) Company Showcase Concert Show Day
JULY	6-9 23-25	Company Auditions *DATE CORRECTION  Company Summer Intensive - *DATE CORRECTION  Tremaine in Vegas @ Red Rock (optional add- on)