

## How we plan to safely return to dance with new precautions & protocols...

**PLANET DANCE** has updated their safety plan to adhere with CDC and local government guidelines. Below you will find what to expect as we reopen regarding our cleaning products, procedures and protocol.

The safety and well-being of our dance community has always been a top priority at Planet Dance, and this is especially true now. As we look forward to reopening our doors, we believe it is important to provide you with a detailed explanation of what to expect. While there will be noticeable changes in our schedule and class design, please know that we've made it our mission to keep our dancers and employees healthy and safe, all while maintaining the PD environment you know and love!

We know that for some, returning to Planet Dance for an in-person dance class may not be an immediate reality. This is why we will continue to offer Zoom classes for you to access remotely until you feel safe to return in-person.

We encourage you to read through these details entirely so that you gain a full understanding of what we're doing to keep our dancers and staff healthy, as well as what we're asking from our community to help make this possible. Thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation as we work to make a safe return to Planet Dance.

### **1.Preparing for your dance class**

#### **Registration requirements:**

The safety of our dance students starts well before entering the studio. In order to help control the amount of people inside the studio during any given time, all classes require advanced registration. Reservations are held for registered dancers only. Students will be placed on our wait list who are not paid in advance. Since our office will be closed, payments can be done electronically or with credit card on file.

#### **Entering the studio and preparing for class:**

\*We ask that students bring minimal personal belongings into the studio. Please refrain from bringing large bags, food, and extra clothing into the studio. Dance shoes, phone, water bottle, and other small items necessary to keep with you (i.e. an inhaler) will be permitted.

\*Students will enter with masks on through the main side entrance door—drop off only. Younger students can be walked in by one parent and wait outside or in their car to keep our lobby clear. To keep traffic low, and our common area clear, students will exit with masks on through the studio door. Each registered student must complete the “Student Release Form” and **bring in to their first class.**

\*Students must sanitize their hands upon entry. Students will then proceed to the appropriate dance room, and prepare for class at one of the “Prep Markers” around the perimeter of the studio floor.

\*Once you’re fully prepared for your class, you have the choice to remove your face mask to begin class. (depending on state guidelines at that time) Please note that dressing rooms are not available for use. If you need to use the restroom before, during, or after class, you must wear your mask. Please maintain social distancing at all times while utilizing the restroom or common area.

\*Students are not required to wear a mask while dancing, but may do so if they feel more comfortable. Students must put on their mask before exiting the studio where they can sanitize their hands again before exiting. Once students exit, a staff member will disinfect the floors, barres, and prep stations before the next class comes in.

## **2. What to expect from our PD Instructors**

The PD Instructors are a critical part of our efforts to maintain a safe and healthy environment for our students. All PD staff members are required to wear face masks at all times while teaching, and when keeping a 6-ft distance is not possible. Instructors will sanitize prep stations prior to the start of class and will be taking attendance to ensure that everyone has verbally agreed to Student Code of Conduct. Instructors will maintain a 6-ft distance with students at all times (with the exception of spotting in acro, where they will sanitize between each student).

### **3. Our Student Code of Conduct**

In order to keep you, your family, and our team safe, we are asking everyone who enters Planet Dance to verbally agree to the following code of conduct:

- Stay home if experiencing any symptoms of illness or fever
- Sanitize hands when entering the classroom
- Wear a face mask upon entering, exiting and common areas
- Please bring minimal personal items into the studio
- Wash your hands per posted CDC guidelines
- Maintain 6-ft of distance at all times with other students and staff when possible

### **4. Our Staff Code of Conduct**

Similarly, we're asking all PD staff members to agree to the following code of conduct:

- Follow all safety, cleaning, and sanitizing policies and procedures at all times
- Stay home if experiencing any symptoms of illness or fever
- Sanitize hands when entering the studio
- Wear a face mask if 6-ft distance is not possible
- Please bring minimal personal items into the studio, and place them in your designated teacher area by the stereo
- Keep stereo area clear of students—do not congregate there
- Wash your hands per the posted CDC guidelines
- Maintain 6-ft distance at all times with other students and staff when possible

### **5. Studio Updates**

While we did have a little time off recently, we've been busy making several updates to our studio! These updates not only give the space a fresh look and feel, but they also help to ensure a cleaner, safer environment. Here's what our students can expect to see when they return to Planet Dance:

### **Restroom Updates:**

- Hand sanitizers added in each
- Sanitized hourly

### **Studio Updates:**

- Hand sanitizers added in each room
- Designated prep area for students before class
- Floors taped off in 6ft squares for easy social distancing
- All touch areas sanitized between each class
- Deep cleaning & sanitizing done daily with commercial grade cleaner

### **Cleaning Equipment:**

- High-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) purifiers added in dance rooms
- Commercial-grade sanitizing easy sprayer for floors and touch areas
- Hand sanitizers, disinfectant spray bottles, Lysol wipes, masks, gloves and plenty of soap

## **6. Our updated cleaning and sanitizing procedures**

In order to ensure the cleanliness and safety of our studio, we've amplified our cleaning and sanitizing techniques, procedures, and schedule.

### **New Cleaning and Sanitizing Equipment:**

We've invested in an industrial sanitizing sprayer to disinfect and clean all hard floor surfaces and touch areas in the studio using medical grade disinfectants that are EPA-registered on all surfaces. We've also

purchased two high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) purifiers to help filtration and to reduce transmission of various airborne particles and viruses.

We use all-natural, non-toxic, non-irritant, and environmentally safe antimicrobial sprays frequently in between classes.

Rest assured, we are also well-stocked on gloves, masks, disinfectants and cleaners, wipes, hand soaps, and hand sanitizers.

## **Conclusion**

We understand that this outline has presented some changes to Planet Dance and your routine with us. Some of these changes are permanent changes that we feel will have a positive impact on the health and wellness of our students overall, while others will be temporary while we navigate operating our business during COVID-19. We hope that our efforts and the level of detail included in this outline make you feel safe, protected, and valued as students of Planet Dance and Fitness. It is our hope that our families trust us to keep our studio clean and to hold all members of our dance community to the same standards, while still enjoying the energy and motivation of the environment they love.

If there is anything additional we can do to make you feel safe in our studio, please let us know. We are looking forward to having you back and continuing to be an integral part of your dance journey!

**Thank you, always, for your dedication, support and communication!**

**Joanne and the PD Team**