



Evjen Academy Studio COVID-19 Health Policy

Our top priority is the health and safety of our students. The purpose of this document is to define Evjen Academy's COVID-19 health policy to ensure we reduce the risk of transmission among students and our faculty and maintain a healthy environment for everyone.

Facility Overview

- We have a large facility and 6 studio spaces, one office and 2 'waiting areas' to accommodate a wide range of classes & activities.
- We are limiting the number of people inside of our studio to further enhance safety and increase social distancing. There will be no family permitted in the lobby area and will be limiting the use of bathroom facilities to our students and faculty.
- We have defined classes/groups of students across the range of class offerings to further minimize any potential exposure risk.
- We perform daily health screenings of our employees and have a comprehensive health policy that all employees are required to follow.
- We are rigorously cleaning our studios & equipment between classes and our common spaces daily.

General Health Guidelines

- Dancers who have any flu-like symptoms and/or any symptoms of COVID-19 should remain home. Our make-up class option is very flexible should a dancer need to miss class.
- Dancer is in quarantine or has been asked to quarantine for possible exposure to a positive covid test result are not to come to the studio until the quarantine end-time permits.
- Dancers who are well but who have an immediate family member at home with COVID-19 should remain home.
- If a dancer has traveled to a state on the current CT travel restriction list, dancer should self-quarantine for 14 days as recommended by the state of CT. Dancers may join their usual class(es) via zoom.

Health Screening & Temperature Checks

- A temperature check and health screening questionnaire will be asked of anyone who enters the studio.
- Dancers should only enter the studio through the entrance designated per their class.
- Only one dancer will be allowed to access the thermometer scanning area at a given time. The dancers should maintain 6 feet of social distance.
- If the dancer registers a temperature of **100.0 degrees or lower**, the Evjen staff will enter them into the check-in log and the dancer may enter the facility.

- If a dancer registers a temperature of **greater than 100.0 degrees**, they are to immediately depart from the facility without interacting with other students or Evjen staff.
- If a dancer has reported a fever, we will close the temperature check station to allow for disinfection and move the temperature check to an alternative location. Signs will be posted to inform students of the new, temporary temperature check location.
- If a student or faculty member is confirmed to have a COVID-19 infection, we will follow state, local and federal guidelines regarding contact tracing and will inform fellow students and faculty of their possible exposure to the virus in accordance with those standards. At all times, Evjen will maintain confidentiality as required by the Americans with Disabilities ACT (ADA). Our studio will then follow procedures to ensure cleanliness and safe return to dancing.

Masks Policy for classes and group rehearsals

While in the studio, dancers and faculty are required to wear a mask in accordance with the table below:

Age	Mask Requirement
Under 2 years old	None
2 - 3 years	Strongly encouraged* dance groupings are small and each dancer will be adequately spaced further than 6 feet apart to accommodate for our youngest dancers (Teeny Balleriny's)
4 - adult	Required**

*Face coverings are strongly encouraged for young children between 2 -3 years old if they can be worn properly.

- Each room will be divided into blocks to ensure proper distance between dancers.
- (In September all masks mandatory in regards to above list) After Oct 3 we will permit the following rigorous movement option - note: only if option is still allowed by Connecticut and can be done safely. Rigorous movement option: If dancers are able to maintain a social distance of 6 feet apart or more during rigorous movement, a dancer may request to remove mask - this is only allowable if they can do so safely and the faculty member and fellow students are further than 6 feet away. Once the rigorous movement or routine has been completed, the dancer must return to wearing a mask in accordance with the requirements defined in this section.
- Faculty may spot a dancer so long as they are wearing a mask at all times.
- Faculty will sanitize their hands in between spotting different dancers.




Dancer Arrival, Pick Up & Studio Guideline Checklist Fall 2020

Health & Safety Info for Dancers


- Dancers arrive in masks and will have temperatures taken by a faculty member. (All staff will also have temperatures checked daily.)
- Students are to arrive no earlier than 5 minutes prior to class and will be dismissed at end time given.
- A questionnaire (listed below) will be conducted in regards to health and COVID 19 possible exposure. Anyone entering our studio will need to submit this at/before temperature check station
- Enter & exit at designated door: given via email and/or at temperature checkpoint - these are the three we will use, if needed we will add additional option thru main building - we ask that you not park along the fenced side of our driveway during this time.
 - A (our main entrance)- dancers only beyond this point please
 - B (or office entrance)
 - C (our side entrance - before you reach the main entrance)
- Once entering we ask that dancers sanitize hands - we suggest dancers bring in their own hand sanitizer for ease of use (each room will also have sanitizer available)
- Please have dancers wear their street shoes with socks/tights. Street shoes are removed at entrance and placed into their dance bag, socks/tights will be worn in hallways. Dancers may carry their street shoes with them to their class or leave in the lobby.
- Please **ONLY** bring in dance shoes (in labeled ziplock bag) - water bottles are ok, no other belongings or food
- Dancers will wear their mask in the studios & hallways
- Dancers will be spaced to adhere to distance guidelines, at minimum 6ft apart from other dancers
- A mask break will be given for dancers in safe, 6ft distanced designated areas
- We are limiting our space to dancers and faculty only. No family in lobby. We will be limiting the use of bathroom facilities to our students and faculty.
- Distanced spots will be available for dancers who have a break between their classes.
- We follow the states guidelines for travel/self quarantine - asking any dancers and faculty who have traveled to states listed by Gov Lamont to quarantine for 14 days/or double negative tests (depending on most current restrictions/guidelines)
- If a dancer has a fever or has been knowingly exposed to someone with COVID, we ask that the dancer not come to the studio.
- If dancer is in quarantine or has been asked to quarantine for possible exposure to a positive covid test result they are not to come to the studio until quarantine date allows.
- If a dancer/faculty member becomes sick with COVID 19 and has been to our space, we will notify all families who would have been in contact. Our studio will then follow DPH procedures to ensure cleanliness and safe return to dancing - please refer to Evjen Health Guidelines.


If yes is answered to any of the following PLEASE STAY HOME :) we will set you up with a zoom link or make-up lesson


 Dancer has a fever of 100 or above


 Dancer has flu like symptoms (including fever, chills, muscle aches, sore throat, cough, congestion, runny nose, headaches, or fatigue.)


 Dancer is experiencing difficulties in breathing or shortness of breath

 Dancer has persistent cough

 Dancer has loss of taste/smell

 Dancer has been in close contact with someone with COVID-19 within the last 14 days

 Dancer has recently (within last 14 days) traveled to state on quarantine list

 Dancer has been asked to quarantine for any reason

 Dancer has tested positive for COVID 19 within the last 14 days

New notes 10/16:

- As it is getting darker earlier we ask that parents step out of their vehicles and wait in the designated reserved spaces outside our door at pickup time.
- Please do not park in the spaces marked with traffic cones (these are reserved for parent pick up mentioned above)
- We have been slowly easing our students back into dancing! With such an extended “off” season PLUS the added adjustment to dancing in a mask we are taking every precaution to protect our dancers from injury.
- Across the floor exercises and use of mats will begin to be incorporated into class lessons plans. Mats will be disinfected between use and dancers will maintain a minimal 6ft distance while waiting/going across the floor.
- During this current season of uncertainty we are placing a high priority on our dancer's mental wellness. Dance is a wonderful way to bring movement and breath to the body and ease the mind!