

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



Welcome Back!

On behalf of all the faculty here at WDC we want to start off by saying how grateful we are for all of the families who trust us to keep their dancers safe, while having fun and being active. A BIG thank you for continuing to support us, it means so much. 

We are very excited to see familiar faces of returning students and to welcome those who are new to our studio this year. We take the responsibility of your dance education very seriously and are committed to your growth and happiness in our dance family.

Friendly Reminder Links have been emailed out with instructions on how to download and access your dancers class via our live stream system: My Digital Dance Studio. Please test out the live stream prior to your dancers first class to allow for us to make any changes.

SEASON 6 - Here we come!

Term 1

Important Dates

*MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH -
CLASSES BEGIN

*THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH -
STUDIO CLOSED FOR NATIONAL DAY OF
TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

*MONDAY, OCTOBER 11TH -
STUDIO CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING

*OCTOBER 25TH-31ST
HALLOWEEN SPIRIT WEEK

*MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST -
TUITION DUE

*DECEMBER 17TH-23RD -
HOLIDAY SPIRIT WEEK

*DECEMBER 23TH-JANUARY 2ND -
STUDIO CLOSED FOR WINTER BREAK.
TERM 2 CLASSES WILL RESUME MONDAY,
JANUARY 3RD 2022.

POLICIES & DANCE SAFE PROTOCOLS

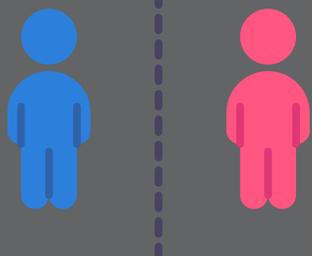
Keeping your dancer safe while moving & groovin' in the space!



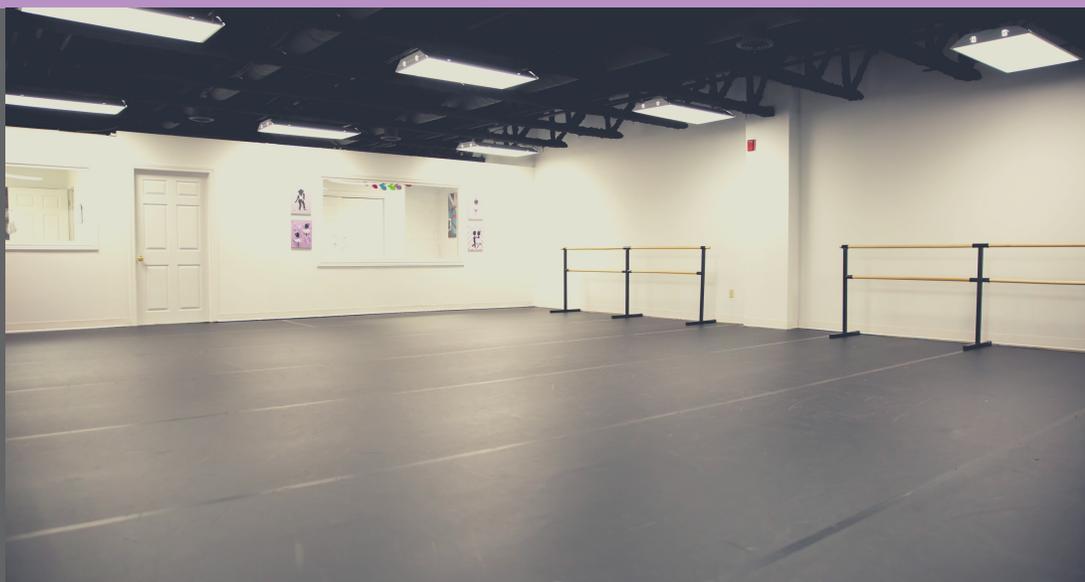
Stay HOME if you are sick



WASH your hands



Keep your DISTANCE



In light of COVID-19 we continue to do everything we can to mitigate risk and prevent exposure among the dancers, faculty and staff. We are practicing social distancing, wearing face coverings, disinfecting barres, floors, and any other surfaces the dancers might touch between every class. We use a government-approved cleaner throughout the studio to ensure that our dancers, faculty and staff are kept safe.

Please take the time to familiarize yourself and your dancer(s) with our policies & dance safe protocols we have put into place to ensure the safety of our staff and students. We ask that parents of younger students have a conversation with their child/children prior to their first dance class back in the studio, discussing our social disDANCEing policies.

We want to thank every for their cooperation - we cannot do this without you!

ATTENTION DANCERS AND STAFF!

If you have any of the following symptoms of COVID-19:

- Fever
- New onset of cough
- Chills
- Unexplained fatigue
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Runny nose
- Stuffy or congested nose
- Lost sense of taste or smell
- Difficulty breathing
- Difficulty swallowing
- Pink Eye
- Digestive issues (nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, stomach pain), or for young children and infants: sluggishness or lack of appetite

OR you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 or someone who has developed new respiratory symptoms, **please delay your visit AND contact either your health care provider, Telehealth Ontario (1-866-797-0000), or visit an Assessment Centre for testing.**

We thank you for keeping our studio safe!



HEALTH AND HYGIENE PRECAUTIONS

- All staff will be trained on COVID-19 operational procedures, symptoms, hand washing and sanitizing.
- All individuals entering the Medical Building and facility are to be wearing a mask.
- Dancers will require a mask for entry and exit of the building. Once they are in their social distanced square the mask can be removed.
- Faculty will wear PPE appropriate to their job function.
- Faculty will maintain a minimum 2-meter social distancing.
- All restrooms and touch surface areas will be sanitized hourly/between class switch overs.
- The facility is professionally sanitized by EnviroNize Anolyte.
- Faculty are required to notify management if they are symptomatic or have been in close contact with anyone who has, and they will not be allowed to work until they have passed a quarantine period.

WHAT HAPPENS BEFORE WE DANCE ?

Self Screening At Home - The health precautions start with your own evaluation at home – Is anyone in the family exhibiting any symptoms that suggest illness? Has anyone returned from abroad within the last 14 days? If so, please inform the studio as soon as possible by email. Please under any circumstances, please do NOT bring a sick child for class. Please do NOT come to the studio if you or anybody in the household is sick or showing symptoms.

Should you be unsure if your dancer should attend class, please follow this link for next steps - <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

Drop Off -

- Until further notice, only students and faculty can enter our facility
- In order to support physical distancing, avoid a crowded lobby, and to adhere to our buildings rules of no one in the public hallways - parents/guardians are asked to leave the building during class time. They will be able to live stream their dancers class through our secure video delivery system: My Digital Studio. You can flawlessly view live classes from parking lot, coffee shop or anywhere else on the app from any device. If a student is unable to make class, they can still see and participate remotely. Each class will have a specific login code for their class time slot only. This will be set up with the parent/guardian email address on file - and only approved email addresses can access viewing the class.
- All Students will be greeted at the purple studio door by their dance teacher or a member of the Whitby Dance Company team.
- Parents/guardians/siblings are advised to stay in their respective cars in the parking lot.
- Please note if your dancer is showing symptoms of COVID-19, reads a temperature 38F or higher, or communicates that they do not feel well, a parent phone call will be made and the dancer will be asked to go home immediately.
- Upon entering or exiting the facility, using the washrooms or entering/exiting a classroom everyone must use our hand sanitizing stations, conveniently located throughout our facility to sanitize their hands thoroughly.
- All students will come dressed, ready for class. Students will require a dance bag with only their basic supplies (their dance shoes, a water bottle and to put their outside clothing in).
- No one is permitted to hang out in the building prior to 5mins before their classes have begun and after 5mins of their classes ending.

Pick-Up -

- Parents/guardians will pick their dancer up at the same purple studio door as drop-off, students will be signed out by their dance teacher or a member of the Whitby Dance Company Team.
- Parents/guardians must be on time. **Picking up your dancer on time is extremely important, as we must have time to sanitize in between classes, and to bring the next class of students in.

LOGISTICAL CHANGES

- We have staggered start and end times to reduce the number of students entering and exiting the building at one time. This will also allow us to fully sanitize the space between classes.
- Lobby, change rooms and hallways will be closed until further notice.
- Dancers will bring belongings in with them (please keep minimal personal belongings, water bottle, dance shoes and training tools only).
- Anything left behind in the studio will be disposed of after class.
- Parents will drop dancers off no sooner than 5 minutes prior to their class and pick them up promptly when they are finished.
- Each time you bring your dancer into the studio you are ensuring that they are symptom free and if there is any chance that they are otherwise they will be sent home.
- Within the studio, dancers will be given their own socially distanced space to dance in. All space has been taped out and professionally disinfected.

ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES:

- As the Front Lobby is closed, any payment or questions can be done over email, info@whitbydance.com or by booking an appointment. (Any parent/guardian entering the studio will be required to wear a mask).
- If you need to make a payment in-person, please email and book an appointment.
- All other inquiries are to be done via email, to limit the in-person contact for both WDC Families and Faculty.
- Administrators will be available over email Monday-Friday