

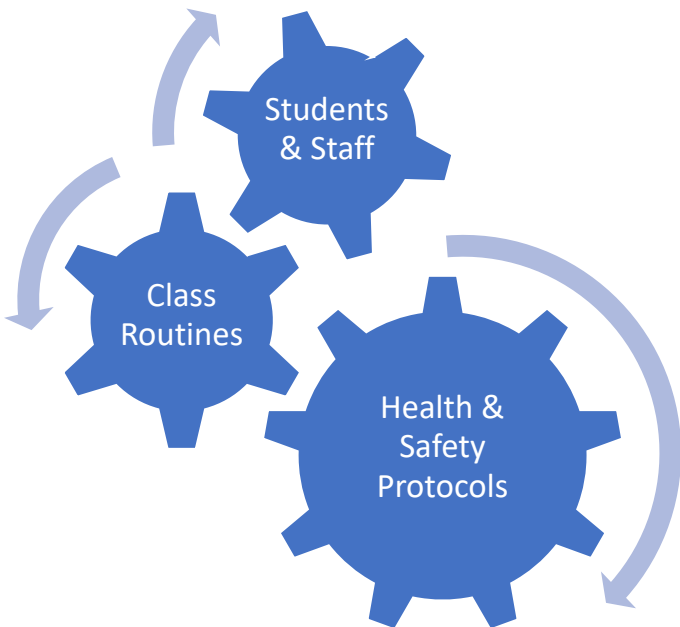
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**DANCE STUDIO**

***Fall Re-opening Plan***

**2020-2021**



updated August 18, 2020

## Re-opening the studio for the 2020-2021 dance year

Pique Dance Studio's Re-opening Plan will:

- Establish a safe return to the studio for students, teachers and parents
- Follow the guidelines from Ottawa Public Health

The Re-opening Plan will establish for a safe return to the studio for all dance students, teachers and parents to the studio in September 2020 for the 2020-2021 dance year.

Dancers would attend in-person dance classes at the studio and would follow a familiar routine, albeit tweaked to allow for guidelines from Ottawa Public Health.

Pique Dance Studio is looking forward to welcoming the students back for in-person classes, however, should the Government of Ontario order businesses to close once again, then the classes would flip over to virtual (zoom) classes. If this was the case, then the dance classes would follow the same schedule as the in-person class schedule.

**Note: Changes/adjustments to the Re-opening Plan may occur as information is received from Ottawa Public Health.**



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# Health & Safety Protocols



- for dance students & staff
  - self-assessment screening
  - physical distancing
  - hand washing & sanitizing
  - masks
- in the studio
  - hourly cleaning
  - traffic flow
  - designated entry & exit protocols
  - rearrangement of furniture
  - parent drop-off & pick-up protocols
  - food & snacks are discouraged during regular class times (except on longer dance nights) and there will be no food sharing

The health and safety of the students and teachers at Pique Dance Studio is a priority.

Pique Dance Studio's Re-opening Plan is for dance students to attend in-person classes. To achieve this there will need to be adaptations, including:

- Limited rotating of studios.
- Physical distancing.
- Enhanced cleaning protocols.
- Cohort tracing and contact tracing.
- Public health protocols.

## A Day at the Studio

- Studios will be laid out to allow for distancing between dance students.
- Class numbers have been re-adjusted to allow for distancing.
- Students will be required to use their individual items only; there will be no sharing of dance clothes, shoes, etc... Parents are asked to please make sure the dancer's name is in their shoes.
- Parents of starlites will accompany their dancer inside. All other parents & visitors will be restricted. Should there be questions about class placement etc, we will be happy to arrange a meeting over the phone or via zoom.

## Health and Safety



### Protocols:

- There will be staggered arrival and departure times for the various dance classes.
- Whenever possible there will be staggered break times or dancers will remain in their current studio until it's time to rotate rooms.
- Distancing between dancers will be respected, (as per City of Ottawa/Ottawa Public Health requirements). If not possible, then dancers will be required to wear masks.
- Dance students and teachers will be required to have PPE (as per City of Ottawa/Ottawa Public Health requirements). Everyone should have a mask. There will be times when it must be worn and times when it may be removed with parental approval (eg. when distancing can be maintained). OPH will have specific recommendations & requirements.
- Teachers will wear a mask while teaching.
- Hand washing will be strongly recommended.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in every studio, the lobby and at the entrance of the building.
- All dancers should bring their own water bottle.
- Personal belongings should be limited. Dancers will have specifically designated areas for their belongings.
- Additional cleaning will take place of frequently touched surfaces such as barres, floor spots, light switches, door handles, toilet and faucet handles, hand railings and electronic devices.
- The washroom will be cleaned after every use.
- Students will have a specific spot at the barre and at the centre.
- Visual cues, such as arrows on the floor, will be added.
- Change room space and lockers will be off limits. Please come dressed for class.
- Studio windows will be open, as much as possible.
- Staff will welcome dancers outside (weather permitting) or in the upstairs lobby & review their submitted google online form. A temperature check will be taken upon arrival at the studio and dancers will use the hand sanitizer provided before proceeding downstairs.

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## **Masks**

### **For students:**

Every dancer at the studio must have a mask. It should be worn when arriving and when leaving the studio. (These are potential times when distancing may be difficult to maintain.) It should also be worn in high traffic areas where dancers may interact.

Dancers may remove their mask when they are distanced from one another with prior parental approval, but masks will need to be worn when working on group dances.

Note: dancers may choose to keep their masks on all the time.

Masks will also be removed for eating and drinking.

### **For parents & visitors:**

All parents and visitors to the studio must wear a mask.

*Pique Dance studio will have a supply of masks for purchase in the office.*

## **Screening & Self-assessment**



- Self-assessment tools and checklists will be made available to parents to ensure awareness of possible symptoms of Covid-19.
- Parents should take their child's temperature and fill out the Google COVID-19 questionnaire prior to arriving at the studio. (Ottawa Public Health guideline).
- Staff will welcome dancers outside (weather permitting) or in the upstairs lobby & review their submitted google online form. A temperature check will be taken upon arrival at the studio and dancers will use the hand sanitizer provided before proceeding downstairs.
- Outdoor shoes will be placed on the boot trays provided. Dancers will then change into their dance shoes for their first class.
- Children exhibiting any symptoms should stay home and seek testing.
- Children with symptoms should not come to the studio.
- Children exhibiting any symptoms at the studio will be immediately isolated and sent home. The staff member working in the office will bring the child outside (weather permitting) or in the upstairs lobby for parent pickup. Parents will be responsible for picking them up immediately.
- Dancers should not return to the studio until they are symptom free for 24 hours.
- In the case of a positive test result of a dancer who has been at the studio, an email will be sent to all registered Pique families.
- Students returning from trips outside of Canada will be required to self-isolate for a 14 day period before returning to the studio. They may continue with their dance classes virtually.

- Should the studio be mandated to close we will move to a virtual program. Your dancer's schedule will remain the same virtually as it is at the studio. Your dancer's class will continue with the same teacher and with the same students continuing on with the material that was taught at the studio. The only exception for online classes will be Miss Maki, who will be teaching at the studio only. Should we need to move to virtual classes, her classes will continue to progress with another qualified ballet teacher who is employed by Pique.
- Should we need to move to a virtual program information will be sent home to parents as well as a set of guidelines for the virtual program. The program will run similar to that at the studio and attendance will be taken as per usual.

### **Equipment requirements & new policies:**

- jazz shoes will be worn for modern classes (instead of bare feet).
- hip hop classes will require indoor shoes (dancers will need a separate pair from those they arrived in).
- there will be no partner work (holding hands etc) in classes or in rehearsals.
- dancers will be required to bring their own yoga mat for stretch class.
- dancers in acrobatic gymnastics will be required to bring their own mat- we recommend a minimum thickness of 1 inch.

### **Communication**

Communication with parents will mainly be through email.

### **Cleaning Protocols**

Additional and enhanced cleaning will take place at the studio.

This will include cleaning frequently touched surfaces - such as barres, floor spots, doorknobs, light switches, toilet handles, sinks, hand rails and counters.



## Families opting for virtual programming

Pique Dance Studio recognizes that some parents may be looking for a virtual program where their children can learn from home.

Parents can choose for their children to not attend dance classes at the studio (while the studio operates in-person). Families will be able to participate in all the classes “at-home” by Zoom. (Details to follow). Parents who choose the virtual only option (where a physical spot will not be held for their dancer in the studio) will receive a 20% discount on their fees.

The virtual classes will be especially helpful to all students, as they will be able to dance at home if they need to miss a class at the studio. We will also offer virtual classes on snow days.

## Confirm your participation for the 2020-2021 dance year

When registering you will be asked to confirm whether your child will be attending dance classes in-person in September 2020 or whether they will participate in virtual classes.



Pique Dance Studio’s “**Re-opening Plans may change**” with future announcements from the Ottawa Public Health. Parents will be updated with changes.

Parents will be notified of any specific instructions/expectations closer to the start of the dance year.

Thank you for your continued support.

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