

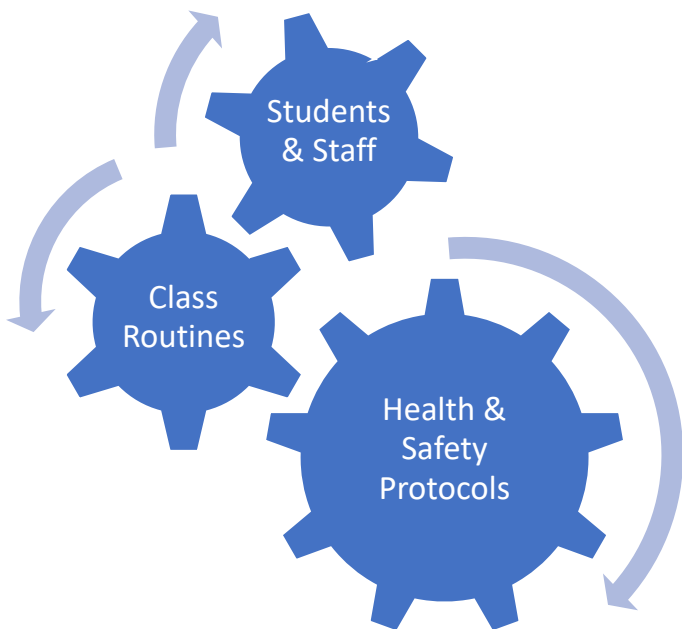
Piqué



DANCE STUDIO

Safe Continuation Plan

2021-2022



updated September 2, 2021

Continuing the re-opening plan for the 2021-2022 dance year

Pique Dance Studio's Re-opening Plan will:

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

The Re-opening Plan established in August 2020 will continue with our safe continuation plan for all dance students, teachers and parents.

Dancers will attend in-person dance classes at the studio and will 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 ends up to be 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.



DANCE STUDIO

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).
- Dance students and teachers will be required to have PPE (as per City of Ottawa/Ottawa Public Health requirements). Everyone will wear a mask. We will continue to follow the guidelines set out by OPH with regards to mask wearing.
- Three Rabbit Air Purification Systems have been purchased and are in use in all 3 studios.
- 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 on an hourly basis.
- Students will have a specific spot at the barre and at the centre.
- Following the advice of OPH, locker rentals may be permitted.
- 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 for screening. A temperature check will be taken upon arrival at the studio and dancers will use the hand sanitizer provided before proceeding downstairs.

Masks

For students:

Every dancer at the studio must wear a mask.

At the time of this update (Sept 2nd) masks are required to be worn at all times, including while dancing.

We will continue to follow the advice set out by OPH with regards to mask wearing including while exercising.

Masks will 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 follow OPH's school screening tool with regards to their child's health and attending a dance class. If a child is unwell they should stay home. Please email the studio and we will open the zoom link for your child to take their class from home.
- Staff will welcome dancers outside (weather permitting) or in the upstairs lobby. 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 in the upstairs lobby. Dancers will then change into their dance shoes and will wait on a designated distanced spot 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 on screening 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 registered Pique families following the directive by OPH.
- Students returning from trips outside of Canada may be required to self-isolate before returning to the studio- please check with the Ontario Health website or OPH for the latest information. If they are required to isolate 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.

Equipment requirements & new policies:

- bare feet are permitted for modern and acrobatic gymnastic classes.
- 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 regular classes. Based on the advice from OPH partner work may be re-instated for competitive routines and rehearsals.
- dancers will be required to bring their own yoga mat for stretch class and progressing ballet technique.



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.



Virtual programming

Virtual classes will be available to all students if they need to miss a class at the studio or are on holidays. We will also offer virtual classes on snow days. Please email the studio if your child will be taking class from home.



Pique Dance Studio's "Re-opening Plan" **may need to change** based on future announcements from the Ottawa Public Health. Parents will be updated with changes.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Koryn
Koryn MacArthur B.Soc.Sc. F.B.A.T.D.
Artistic Director
Pique Dance Studio