

**Getting ready for Dance Opening Day!**  
**Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> Full Session or Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> Petite Session**  
**Guidelines and Updates for a Safe Dance Class Reopening**

Clean & sanitized floors, surfaces, mirrors.

Physically distanced taped boxes/spots for dancing and much more.

**1. Entering/Exiting Greenwood Children's Center-231 Maple Rd.**

Drop off dancers outside the 2 sets of glass doors marked enter and exit by the gym wearing a mask. Families with younger dancers may wait in the car or stand outside with your dancer wearing a mask. Wait for the teacher to come to the door and wave/call and escort your class into the building. Dancers will enter Greenwood from the glass doors marked enter. Dancers will then proceed to our hand sanitizer station before entering the dance spaces. When exiting the building, dancers will gather all belongings, sanitize hands, and be escorted out of the building by the glass doors marked exit. Please be on time for drop off and please pick up your dancer 10 minutes before their class time ends to allow for teacher class cleaning time.

**2. The Dance Rooms**

We will hold all dance classes in two large spaces: Greenwood Children's Center Gymnasium or Greenwood Dance Studio. Upon entering the dance spaces, dancers will place their dance bag on a physically distanced spot then go to a designated box taped off in the room where they will stay for the dance class. Spots will keep dancers 6 or more feet apart. All dancers will wear masks while dancing. Teacher supervised and guided mask breaks/ water breaks will be given as needed. As weather permits mask/water breaks will be given outdoors at a physical distance of 6 ft or indoors at a physical distance of 6 or more feet. Our many windows and doors will be kept open and opened for ventilation as much as possible. Class size will be limited to 9 dancers at this time.

**3. Belongings**

We are keeping belongings to a bare minimum.

All Dancers only need a small dance bag containing the following:

1. A water bottle that seals well and can be open independently.
2. No tie dance shoes or socks with grips to start. Use our studio shoe sizing try ok kit and order no tie shoes at : <http://shopnimbly.force.com/Longmeadowdanceschool> Shoes will be delivered to your home in 5-10 days.
3. A warm up sweater or sweatshirt. (Important, as windows and doors will be open more than usual.) Put your dancers name inside of their shoes.

\*Cell phones are permitted.

\*Emergency medication is permitted i.g. an Epi-pen.

All shoes now must be no tie style for dancers' Pre-school-Grade 2. Shoes may be ordered at Open House Events or purchased at Fancy Feet Plus in Ludlow MA. Shoes at Fancy Feet are more expensive but in stock. No tie style is recommended for all older dancers as well. Teacher cannot tie or re-tie shoes during class unless it is an emergency. If shoes have ties wear socks. Young students will be taught how to change into no tie, slip on or Velcro shoes and store them in their dance bags. Teachers will assist with putting on shoes only if a young dancer is struggling. If dancer is waiting for shoes to ship or does not have the proper dance shoes at the start of the dance year dancers may wear socks.

**4. Cleaning**

We will now end all classes 10 minutes early to allowed time for teacher supervised pick up and cleaning. During the last 10 minutes of class teachers will send all students outside to families for an organized pick up. Then teachers will sanitize the surfaces, bathroom, door handles etc. and check emails for any needed parent communication. Email [abergeronlongmeadowdance@gmail.com](mailto:abergeronlongmeadowdance@gmail.com) with any questions. After cleaning teachers will open the door and call in the next class. We will also be doing a deep clean after each night with industrial cleaning products. To limit bathroom use, please have your dancer use the bathroom at home before class.

**5. The Waiting Room**

There will be no waiting room at this time. Parents of young dancers are welcome to bring chairs (similar to soccer or baseball games) and sit physically distanced outside Greenwood under the overhang. At Greenwood parents can see through the glass doors and into the gym/dance room. Young dancers will be able to see or wave or check in with parents if comfort is needed. If your dancers need you, one parent will be allowed in but if dancers are comfortable parents must remain outside for safety. Siblings are discouraged and must always keep physical distance and remain outside. Reminder: Greenwood Playground is open to all and is fun for siblings during class or available before and after class for dancers. Dancers from grades 1 and above may be

dropped off to the teacher at the door and picked up at the end of each class at the door. Dancers will be fully supervised by the teacher during drop off and pick up. Parents do not enter the buildings. If you are late for drop off or pick up, wear a mask, and come to the door. You may email the teacher any needed communication before the start of your class. Emails sent during class may not be answered immediately. In case of an emergency, wearing a mask, come to the door to pick or drop off your dancer. Do not enter the dance rooms.

### **6. Health & Safety**

All Classes will follow current CDC Guidelines. Check your dancer and family members closely before class. If you, your dancer, or anyone you have been exposed to is not feeling well or is exhibiting any of the following symptoms: Fever...Cough...Difficulty Breathing...Nausea...Diarrhea...Runny Nose not related to allergies...Muscle Aches or any other Covid Symptom. KEEP YOUR STUDENT HOME. If you or your family has traveled outside of the safe states in the last 2 weeks KEEP YOUR STUDENT HOME. If a contact has been diagnosed with Covid, KEEP YOUR STUDENT HOME. Check with your doctor to advise when you may return to dance.

*Teachers will offer a schedule of in person small group make up classes throughout the year for any dancers who have missed classes for any reason.*

### **7. Postponed Classes**

Classes will be postponed for the following reasons: 1) If your teacher or teacher's family member...is not feeling well or is exhibiting any Covid symptoms. 2) Your teacher has traveled outside of the safe states in the last 2 weeks. 3) State guidelines change. 4) We are notified of a quarantine request. Every effort will be made to hold safe in person makeup lessons ASAP. If in person make up classes are not possible in a timely manner, last resort will be remote lessons given either pre-recorded with fun online activities and/or on Google Meet for a live class. No classes will be refunded for student or teacher missed lessons.

### **8. Recital, Performances & Costumes**

Recital will be a smaller production this year. Recital may be performed outdoors, in smaller groups and over multiple days. Costumes will be simple and less expensive, with less emphasis placed on a traditional large recital performance. Our focus will be classwork and joy of dance together!

#### **Costume Deposits:**

Due to smaller recital performance plans, costumes will be simple and less expensive. We will reduce the number of costumes each dancer taking multiple disciplines of dance needs if possible.

1 routine in the Recital = \$25 costume deposit

2 routines in the Recital = \$50 costume deposit

3 routines in the Recital = \$75 costume deposit

4 routines in the Recital = \$100 costume deposit

**Family Watch Week -Virtual or Outdoors-** Get a glimpse of all our dance class fun! During these special weeks, our students will have the opportunity to perform virtually or outdoors in person weather permitting and showcase their progress for families. More information TBA

\*December 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>

\*March 8<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup>

\*May 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> -Every dancer receives a Years of Dance Trophy.

#### **Photo Days**

**Photo Day Group 1-** Saturday March 27, 2021-Greenwood- times TBA

**Photo Day Group 2 -**Saturday April 10, 2021-Greenwood- times TBA

**Performance Ensemble, Ensemble & Pre- Ensemble Production-** *At this time, for safety, we will not mix groups of dancers to create large group productions. Students in these class will still enjoy the production choreography in their respective weekly classes.*

**Dress Rehearsal** –More details TBA

**Recital** –More details TBA

**THESE GUIDELINES WILL BE UPDATED AND REVISITED AS THE YEAR PROGRESSES.**

Be safe! Be healthy! Keep dancing!

We are working hard to ensure you a safe environment for the dancers to come back to!! We are excited to start a new year of dance!!!