



January Newsletter

Happy New Year!

We hope you all enjoyed a happy, healthy holiday! We are excited for classes to resume **in the studio** on January 4th. As always, our first choice is to hold safe, in-person classes but we ask that you continue to check your email regularly for any updates due to COVID-19 exposures.

Please review the following safety procedures at the end of this document before returning to classes!

Nutcracker Videos

All NESD Families will receive a digital copy of our 2020 Nutcracker Matinee & Evening productions! We will offer details on how you can access these videos in the next few days.

Spring Production Costume Deposits

A reminder that Spring Production Costume Deposits will be charged this week & processed on January 11th. We moved the initial due date of November 1st, 2020 to a later date due to the pandemic. Please visit https://9e56d075-c7b8-410d-a48c-545a6e84330c.filesusr.com/ugd/fc8c66_893a3fb1f9c34a859b0dd356cb168bd1.pdf for costume deposit pricing. All students will be measured in classes this week. The production theme will be announced earlier this year in order to begin choreography and accommodate any unforeseen changes.

Looking Ahead to Summer 2021

Although there are still many uncertainties due to COVID-19, we know that many families start looking for summer opportunities & activities at the start of a new year. In order to design the best summer programs for our students we need some feedback and interest from our families at this time! In addition to our staff we have many highly qualified, international & domestic dance educators reaching out to teach our students and would like to put our guest faculty together sooner than later. This could be an amazing summer for your child to excel in their dancing and we look forward to reading your answers to our questions!

Please take a few minutes to answer the questionnaire for your child's age and email to nesdoffice@gmail.com or send the form in to the studio with your child by 1/11/21. MANY THANKS!!!

- **Attachment 1: Ages 3-5 "Mini Dance Camp Questionnaire"**
- **Attachment 2: Ages 6-9 "Young Dancers Questionnaire"**
- **Attachment 3: Ages 10-13 "Pre-Intermediate" & 13+ "Intermediate & Advanced Dancers Questionnaire"**

COVID GUIDELINES

Arrival

1. Students may enter the building in time for their classes. Please arrive no more than 5 minutes prior to your class time. Students under the age of 9 must have a parent bring them upstairs to be dropped off in the hallway (parents with children age 5 & younger may sit in the lobby during their child's class)
2. Staff, students & parents must wear a mask in the building at all times and will use hand sanitizer upon entering.
3. Temperatures will be checked upon entry.
4. Please bring as few items into the studio as possible and keep all items in your own personal dance bag.
5. The onsite water fountain and microwave will be off limits at this time. Bring a large water bottle & food will be limited to healthy granola or protein bars & must be eaten in the kitchen.
6. All hard surfaces will be sanitized between classes. Please see the "studio schedule" on www.newenglandschoolofdance.com for sanitizing times.

Dismissal

1. Parents should arrive on time to pick-up students from the back, parking lot. Students will be walked outside of the building by a staff member. Non-driving students must be released to a parent / guardian known to the studio. Please email or call us if someone else will be picking up that day.
2. We also ask that parents meet students at the back door instead of waiting in their cars so we can ensure all students are picked up safely.
3. Dancers may only be in the studio when they are attending their registered classes. All other dancers must leave the studio at the conclusion of their class.

Illness Procedures

1. We ask that you follow the same protocol as public schools and please notify us of any potential symptoms. If you are experiencing symptoms such as fever, runny nose, sore throat, cough, shortness of breath, muscle aches or chills please stay home and email the office. If the symptoms continue or worsen after 24-hours please get tested and present the results to NESD via email or hard copy.
2. Please, notify us & do not come to the studio if you or someone you have been exposed to has COVID, or had COVID-like symptoms, within the past 10 days.
3. Dancers who test positive for COVID-19 must remain home until they have been cleared by a doctor and must provide documentation.

Traveler/visitors to AND residents of NH need to self-quarantine for 10 days following the last date of any travel internationally (including to/from Canada); on a cruise ship; or domestically outside of the New England states of Maine, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, or Rhode Island for non-essential purposes.

- If the person is asymptomatic and has a negative PCR test on or after day 7 of quarantining, they may shorten or end their quarantine.
- This 7-day “test out” of travel quarantine option applies ONLY to travel-related quarantine and NOT quarantine due to other types of exposure.