

PREPAREDNESS PLAN TO REOPEN FPMT STUDIO DURING COVID

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- Thoroughly study recommendations from the Governor, the Minnesota Department of Education, the Minnesota Department of Health, the CDC to be safe and compliant
- Communicate well with Staff and Parents
- Clear communication to staff and students about new protocol expectations
- Stress staff/support staff and students to stay home when sick or showing signs of sickness or close contact with someone who has COVID
- Provide training for new protocols for all staff and support staff
- Provide a Studio Manager for each class to oversee and make sure all new modifications and protocols are in place each day
- Post Preparedness Plan at the Studio and make available to parents, students, staff upon request
- Provide a Controlled Environment, set classes, enrolled students, with plenty of air flow
- Evaluate and adjust traffic flow for Entering and Exiting to allow more space between students
- Operational procedures ensuring proper distancing protocols for appropriate spacing. Dances blocked with distancing as possible. Drama scenes blocked with distancing as possible.
- Capacity restrictions based on square footage, while providing social distancing
- Studio B and Studio C, maximum of 18 students, which allows for 6' social distancing. Studio A, the largest teaching area, will have a capacity that allows space for social distancing.
- Provide hand sanitizer in touchless dispenser at entrance and to be used throughout classes. CDC recommends 60% ethanol. We have purchased medical grade at 95.2% ethanol, confirmed to kill COVID-19. Additional hand sanitizers in each rehearsal studio.

-Floor markers/cones/signage will be used IF NEEDED as reminders of social distancing

-Enhanced cleaning/sterilizing protocols with medical-grade cleaners, before, between and after classes. This includes bathrooms, surfaces touched, door handles, ballet barres

-Provide non-medical disposable face masks if requested by student or staff, disinfectant, gloves for cleaning, face guards for staff requesting them.

Masks will be required by staff and students upon entrance to FPMT. They will be worn at check in, group announcements, moving class to class and in classroom situations where social distancing proves challenging

Per the MDH exemptions listed for theatre, masks can be temporarily removed while actually singing, dancing and acting/speaking

-Supply separate teaching materials for each staff/student

-Implement good hygiene/provide signage with reminders for regular hand-washing/cover your cough/social distancing

-Prohibit sharing of any snacks/food

- Water fountain blocked off/Staff and students will bring their own personal water bottle

-Provide facial tissues in each room for proper sneeze/cough etiquette and provide no-touch hand sanitizer and soap dispenser.

-Limit kitchen area to staff only with a maximum of 4 at a time

-Staff and Students will be required to take their temperature before coming to FPMT.

-Communicate that sick teachers and students should stay home, also if they know they have come in contact with someone known to have COVID.

-Provide an empty, private room if staff or student falls ill, to isolate before they are picked up

-No parents/visitors at the Studio. Drop off and Pick up only. Exception: Auditions at the beginning of the semester, in which 3 parent volunteers will wear masks. Also exception: Limited costume parent volunteers, who will wear masks.

-Carpool clearly marked with cones to help with good spacing during carpool pickup. Extended area for carpool to provide more distance between students.

-No parent/public performance shows. Shows will be filmed and sold to parents, students and patrons in lieu of ticket sales.