

Team Dance 2021 Contingency Plan for Covid-19 Prevention

We are a dance competition company hosting our 10th season this year. Our company cancelled and refunded four of our five events scheduled last year, the first event was held in February before the world shut down. We did not attempt to reschedule our clients due to the precarious and ever-changing restrictions, along with the risk of large group gatherings to our clientele.

We have high hopes of hosting our events in 2021. We believe we have several options in place that will ensure a safe event for all involved. If restrictions were to be lifted at all as more people are vaccinated over the next two months, we have a proposal for that type of event as well.

FULL RESTRICTIONS PLAN:

A normal dance competition event involves several studios from the area gathering together for a full two days of dancing and judging. In the current environment, we would instead assign each studio a competition slot and the entire dance studio would arrive together one at a time. Their group would be limited to the dancers, teachers, instructors, and one to two parents/guardians per dancer (depending on facility size and capacity restrictions.) We, the event planners, would provide a live feed of the event so that any and all can view the event and not miss the performances.

After a studio has competed all of their routines, the studio will have their awards announced and the studio will then leave. The dressing rooms and audience chairs would be sanitized and time would be allowed to complete all of this before the next studio arrives. All awards would be collected for each studio to be presented together at the end instead of several handoffs of trophies/medals etc. After each studio has competed, we would invite one to two members from each studio to return (which should total about 15-20 people) to receive the overall awards for the event.

All Team Dance staff will wear a mask at all times. The only exception would be our judges who provide verbal feedback to the dancers through our recording system. We would keep them socially distanced from each other and the participants. Dancers will be required to wear masks backstage and in the dressing room. We will provide sanitary baskets where they can store their masks while dancing and then have them returned upon their departure of the stage.

This model has been done successfully with other dance competition companies throughout the Fall with no reported issues. Additionally, the dance studios that would be competing with us have already been practicing and meeting together regularly so they pose a lower risk of causing an infection at your venue.

PARTIAL RESTRICTIONS PLAN:

If restrictions are less extreme, we would like to bring in 2-3 studios at a time, each with their own private dressing room space. We would still limit the audience size and require masks, but it is easier and more effective for the judges if they can see the routines from different genres at the same time instead of sporadically through the day. It is also helpful for the dancers to see other studios perform.

I am happy to further discuss these ideas and modify to help comply with current or future standards of practice. We are really hoping that together we can find a new way to continue so that our industry can still provide our services for our dancers and provide employment for our staff.

Sincerely,
Kacey Nielsen
Team Dance