

THT FAMILY NEWS

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DROP-OFF & PICK-UP POLICIES STARTING OCTOBER 19

Our drop off & pick up procedure will change due to seasonal weather changes and the upcoming time change. We are looking into getting the parking lot painted to ease the transition. For DROP-OFF, please enter on SW 116 and line-up between our studio and Floorco in front of the dumpster dropping off the dancer at the east front door. For PICK-UP, please use the same entrance, but line-up on the west side of the building picking up your dancer from the back door, drive behind the adult daycare building & exit at Valvoline.

DADDIES, WE NEED YOU!!

We are looking for some volunteer daddies to help with parking lot security during our evening classes. If you are available, interested or need additional information, please contact Tara Kowalski 405.596.8262. Keeping our dance family safe is our greatest priority!

IS YOUR DANCER NOT FEELING WELL?

We thank you in advance for keeping your dancer at home if they have any type of symptoms. If your child is quarantined or tests positive for Covid-19, please e-mail us at tophattalent@live.com with your dancer's name, class day/time and the date they tested positive AND the date they are OUT of quarantine. Thank you for remaining clear, honest and transparent. If your child's class has a positive case, you will be contacted by our office staff immediately. Any quarantined classes will move to a zoom option. If your dancer is quarantined because of a school/church/activity OTHER than dance, you may text THT owner, Nikki, at 405.819.3479 by 12noon on your dance day and we can get ZOOM set up to take class that day. PLEASE SEE page 4 for OUR COVID POLICIES. Also – because our THT dance staff are also parents/school teachers and have other jobs, your dancer may have a substitute teacher time to time. We thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

ATTENTION DRIVERS

The safety of all our dancers, siblings and parents lie in the hands of all who drive into the THT parking lot. Please ALWAYS USE CAUTION AND PLAN FOR THE WEATHER TO CHANGE. Do not forget – THT is not responsible for your dancer before or after class and all dancers are waiting outside due to COVID. Please call us at 692.2640 if you are running late. THANK YOU FOR BEING PROMPT IN DROP OFF AND PICK UP.

GENERAL THT POLICIES...

=Absolutely NO BULLYING/DRAMA will be allowed within our studio family walls. If there is an issue, we will have a meeting with the dancers and parents involved to resolve the problem/misunderstanding at hand. We will not listen to “hearsay” or buy into kid/teen rumors. AS with most situations with young people, the truth usually lies in the middle of each person's story. WE ARE COMMITTED TO PROVIDING A SAFE HAVEN FOR THESE KIDS.

=“Bullying” is not a term that we will use or throw around.

=Our teaching staff will gently demand but strongly expect our dancers to treat each other and our dance educators with the utmost respect inside and outside of dance class. If behavioral problems persist, we will have a parent's meeting.

=Dancers may have their cell phones/apple watches with them in class, but they must be turned on silent. Any teacher having a problem can and will confiscate their dancer's phone until an adult comes to get it.

THT PHONE NUMBER – 405.692.2640

=Stealing will not be tolerated. Please keep all valuables with you.

COVID PROTOCOL

As we have outbreaks/positive Covid cases, this is our protocol...

=IF and WHEN your dancer needs to be quarantined either from a positive test or contact quarantined...PLEASE CONTACT US FIRST. This will allow our staff to reach out to all who need to be reached out to AT THE SAME TIME. The lack of this form of communication will not be tolerated and is unhealthy for us all.

=IF and WHEN your dancer is tested, please DO NOT COME to the studio if you are still waiting on results. Only come back when your dancer has a negative test result.

=All dancers/staff/demonstrators in the class affected will be contacted

=If the student has been exposed then we will mark them on their quarantine date and the date they can return.

=If the student is positive, the whole class will be marked with the quarantine date and date they can resume.

=Contract tracing is crucial in minimizing the spread.

=If a staff member or student tests positive, the studio will follow these steps:

- Immediately isolate the individual if they are at the studio. Send the ill staff member home and call families to pick up sick children as quickly as possible. Plan now for a room or area where an individual can be isolated (office space) if they cannot immediately leave the premises.

- Establish procedures for safely transporting anyone with severe symptoms from COVID-19 to a healthcare facility in case of an emergency. If calling an ambulance or taking someone to the hospital, try to call ahead to alert hospital staff that the person may have COVID-19.

- Contact the local county health department to report the case. If you have trouble reaching someone, phone the Oklahoma State Department of Health on-call epidemiologist at (405) 271-4060.

- Identify and close areas of the school building where the individual spent more than 30 minutes. Wait for at least 24 hours, or as long as possible, before staff disinfect the area with approved cleaners in accordance with CDC and Oklahoma State Department of Health guidelines.

- Work with health officials to determine if studio closure is warranted and for additional measures the studio must take to contain exposure.

=Individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 and have had symptoms should not return until all of the following criteria have been met:

- 10 days since symptoms first appeared (the time it takes to shed the virus) AND

- At least 24 hours of no fever without fever-reducing medication AND

- Symptoms improved

=Individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 but are asymptomatic should quarantine at home and not return until 10 days after the date of their positive test. Individuals who believe they have COVID-19 and have symptoms should follow the same three criteria for returning as individuals testing positive listed above.

=Health officials recommend including the following symptoms of possible COVID-19 in any questionnaire:

- Cough

- Sore throat

- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

- Chills

- Body aches

- Headache

- Fatigue

- Congestion or runny nose

- Loss of taste or smell

- Nausea or vomiting

- Diarrhea

- Fever or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit

- Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19 if exposure to the active confirmed case occurred within the last 14 days.