

WELCOME!!

We kick off our 14th season on September 20th! Our teachers and staff are eager and excited to welcome everyone back. We have a couple reminders for everyone.

Payments can be made by e-transfer to dance @afrostdance.com or by credit card. Please call the studio between 4:30 to 7:30pm Monday to Friday, if you'd like to leave a credit card with us for payment. If we have one on file that you'd like us to use, please email us to let us know.

We are looking for assistants for the season. If your child is 12 or older and is looking to help with our junior classes, please let us know. This is a great opportunity to be a role model to our younger dancers. Or to get some community hours for high school students. (Please check with your high school to see if they will accept studio hours as some high schools don't).

Please make sure to sign your children in using your parent portal. The link is on our website www.afrostdance.com if you've misplaced it. The covid screening must be filled out each day that your child dances. Questions have been provided to us by the local Health Unit. If you have any questions please reach out to them, 705-743-1000.

The Provincial Government starts proof of vaccination on September 22nd. We will start implementing these rules on September 20th, the day we open. Dancers 12 -18 are exempt. If your child is over 18 at any point in the dance season, we will need proof of vaccination. It can be sent to us by email. We ask parents coming into the studio with children 6 or younger to please be patient with our staff. Parents or guardians coming in with students 6 and younger will need to show proof of vaccination. This is all new to us and we know there will be bumps in the road, but we'll do our best to make it quick and easy. Here is the link to the Ontario Government website so you can see what the requirements are. <https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/1000779/ontario-to-require-proof-of-vaccination-in-select-settings>

Covid Reminders

Masks are mandatory for dancers 6+ in the studio hallways, washroom, lobby and while dancing. Dancers will be socially distanced throughout recreational classes. All high touch surfaces (barres, doorknobs etc.) will be cleaned between classes.

We are adhering to all Public Health Protocols. Your dancer and our dance families' health and safety are our number one priority.

The studio will be open 5 minutes before the first class of the day. Dancers will only be allowed into the studio when their class starts. We have staggered class times so that no classes are entering or exiting at the same time.

- **No siblings will be able to enter the studio.** Only parents/guardians of dancers 6 and under are able to come into the studio.
- **Only one parent/guardian is allowed** and must follow all Covid protocols.
- Parents of dancers ages 6 and up are asked to wait outside the building.
- **Check In/Attendance must be done through our Parent Portal.** All parents or students must check in before they arrive at the studio. There is a mandatory Covid screening that must be done before anyone enters the studio. All dancers that are missing class should be marked absent so our teachers know the child will be missing class.
- Dancers must come dressed for class. **The changerooms are not open at this time.**
- Our studios are marked out for **dancers to dance 6 feet apart during recreational classes.**
- Class sizes are limited to the numbers we can have safely in our studios.

AFDE Team