

MILLER MARLEY SCHOOL OF DANCE & VOICE

COVID STUDENT SAFE POLICIES FOR FAMILIES / PATRONS

Fall, 2021

Miller Marley School of Dance & Voice is committed to the health, safety and wellbeing of our staff, students, and families. Miller Marley has created a list of **COVID Student Safe Policies** to ensure a safe and healthy work and learning environment by following local, state, and federal guidelines.

The policies in this document will not be effective unless followed by every family member and patron of Miller Marley. Each policy is put in place for the health and safety of everyone. Miller Marley is requesting that you follow the mandated health criteria in order to keep our students and staff safe. Our Staff thanks you in advance for reading through this document and committing to its importance.

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

As Miller Marley School of Dance & Voice continues to move cautiously through the beginning of the Fall Session, 2021, teachers and staff will reinforce to our students the guidelines of personal hygiene and social distancing practices here at Miller Marley. Parents, please have conversations with your students regardless of their age to adopt these responsibilities and practices. Your Staff at Miller Marley commits to the responsibility of guiding and helping each student, particularly our little ones, as they learn to be self-advocates for their own needs.

SAFETY AND DISINFECTION PRACTICES

For the safety of its students and staff, Miller Marley will continue to practice routine cleaning of frequently touched surfaces, studio equipment, doorknobs, light switches etc. with soap and water and disinfectant.

A second key preventative action is handwashing. Our staff and teachers will encourage students to adopt the following steps for washing hands as recommended by the CDC:

- **Wet** your hands with clean, running water (warm or cold), turn off the tap, and apply soap.
- **Lather** your hands by rubbing them together with the soap. Lather the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails.
- **Scrub** your hands for at least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum the “Happy Birthday” song from beginning to end twice.
- **Rinse** your hands well under clean, running water.
- **Dry** your hands using a clean towel or air dry them.

While disinfecting wipes and sanitizer will be available for student use, we would strongly recommend that Students bring their own sanitizer in their dance bag for personal use. Please be cautious with overuse of disinfecting wipes and sanitizer, especially with younger children.

I-WAVE AIR PURIFIERS

Miller Marley has installed an I-Wave Air Purifier in each of our HVAC Systems. These air purifying systems will always be in the “ON” position while classes or rehearsals are in progress.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

In applying a safe social distance with our students in the classroom, students will begin their class work assigned to a specific dance space indicated by a red dot as their “starting position” within their 6 feet by 6 feet “mini-stage”. Each studio has been assigned a maximum number of students that can occupy the space safely.

Miller Marley encourages that our student and parent community maintain a safe social distance (distance of 6 feet apart) when in conversation with teachers, friends or with students.

Miller Marley has blocked off a space in front of our property as identified by our orange cones out front. Parents that are in our “**Orange Cone Kids Safety Zone**” are requested to wear masks as they wait for students or socialize with others, regardless of your vaccine status.

Cars will NOT be allowed to park in this area when classes and rehearsals are in session.

Our “Student Study Lounges” in the back of Studios #1 and #6 are officially OPEN to students. Students need to be aware of social distancing in these spaces and masks are required. Eating in this space is NOT permitted.

Snack machines will be available for purchasing snacks or snacks may be brought from home. Snacks are not to be shared with another individual. All snacks and drinks are to be eaten in an outdoor space where masks may be pulled down, weather permitting. Water from the drinking fountains will be accessible for filling water bottles.

Our older students who have been authorized (through parental permission on their Health Form) may visit the Brew Haha Coffeehouse as a break space. Students will be asked to follow ALL guidelines established by the business regarding social distancing and areas of required mask wearing.

The Miller Marley Office Staff welcomes the return of customers to its lobby! With the limited space in our Office Area, we would like to request that a maximum of four patrons be present in the Office space at one time. This will give us the appropriate number of people to safely social distance and to conduct business.

MASK

Mask will be required for all students Kindergarten and above. While our Preschool students and younger will NOT be asked to wear a mask, it is recommended and will be at the discretion of the parent. Recent research has shown that the universal use of face masks in addition to hand hygiene and social distancing is extremely useful against COVID-19.

Use of masks in children, especially our younger students continue to be an adjustment, strong parental support and education will be an important piece in obtaining your child’s cooperation. Miller Marley will partner with Parents as we work on this initiative together for our family community.

Miller Marley will have disposable masks available for parent and student use in the Office if needed. Miller Marley encourages all students to provide their own face covering.

Vaccinated Staff / Teachers will have the option of wearing a mask as they are recording and providing instructional detail to their students.

MONITOR YOUR CHILD’S HEALTH

Miller Marley requests that you closely monitor your child’s health. If there is any doubt as to whether your child is displaying any of the symptoms listed in the CDC’s COVID-19 as available below. PLEASE keep your child at home!

DO NOT attend class if student displays the following:

- You are not feeling well
- You have a fever
- You are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 (full list) including, but not limited to
 - Fever of 100.3F or higher
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - You have been in contact with someone diagnosed with *and/or* exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms in the past 14 days (including up to 48 hours prior to them exhibiting symptoms)

COVID EXPOSURE POLICY

The Staff of Miller Marley School of Dance & Voice asks that parents be proactive in monitoring their student’s health on a regular basis. **If a student while attending a class at Miller Marley has unknowingly contracted COVID-19, the parent must contact the Office Staff immediately providing the date of exposure.** Students effected by the exposure will be asked to be quarantined for 14 days. Students will be sent a Zoom recording for the class on its scheduled date and time. After 14 days, the students may return to the class as it is regularly scheduled.

As students return to school rather it be as a full-time student in class, or virtually, it is imperative that parents take full responsibility for your child’s exposure to his/her commitments and activity calendar. The Staff at Miller Marley requests that its studio community consider the importance of each student’s health and safety as its main priority. Thank you for your support as we continue to offer a high-quality educational experience and yet keep our students / families health safe.

MAKEUP CLASS

As we begin Fall the staff is asking that in-studio makeups be limited to a Zoom recording.

Beginning Oct. 1st, class makeups can be done in studio when space is allowed. Please contact the Office if you are wanting to schedule an in-studio make-up. A “Make-up Ticket” will be issued to the student to enter the class session.

Our Zoom platform will again be available for class makeups with a request through our Office Staff.

IN CLOSING. . .

Thank you, Parents for taking the time to review our *Student Safe Policies* for our students.

If there are any questions or concerns regarding the policies as stated above, please feel free to contact Brian McGinness, our School Director or Nancy Durig, our Office Manager. For general information please email us at info@millermarley.com