

Dear parents,

As we emerge from earlier COVID-19 limitations, I am happy to welcome you back to in-person participation, in compliance with Governor Murphy's directives. I am in receipt of the Governor's Executive Order 157, which sets forth the requirements for reopening of indoor activities/recreation as of July 2 to a maximum of 25% capacity of our facility. I am hopeful that this will continue to improve and that in time this percentage will increase. I can assure you as the business owner and member of the NJBIA, I put the health, safety, and welfare of my students and staff first and foremost. We will continue to follow guidelines and directives issued by the NJ Department of Health and the CDC for maintaining a clean, safe, and healthy environment.

To begin, we have a staggered start time for classes at our Springfield location. We have also allowed 10 minutes between each classroom that changes students for the floors to be disinfected as well as the barres to be wiped down. At our Union location Sunburst Gymnastics classes will begin at 3:30 pm while ours will begin staggered at 3:45 pm and so on throughout the evening.

We ask that no students attend class if:

- They have traveled out of the USA in the past 14 days
- Have knowingly been in contact with someone with COVID-19 in the past 14 days.
- Show any signs of illness.

Upon arrival at TPDC:

- There will be a pre-class screening. Students will be temperature checked upon entrance and parents or caregivers must wait for us to give the ok sign before leaving the parking lot. Any student who shows symptoms or has a fever will not be permitted to attend class.
- Facemasks must be worn upon arrival to TPDC. While in class our students may wear a mask by choice; however, we cannot make it mandatory for students to wear masks while exercising.
- No parents in the waiting room for children 5 years old and above. Parents of students 5 & under may escort their child to class, but are then asked to return to their car if they wish to stay for the duration of the class.
- Please remind your child not to hug the staff or their friends.
- If a student begins to show symptoms during class we will ask a parent to pick the student up in a timely manner.
- All water bottles must be clearly labeled with the student's name.
- Children should bring a small towel to lie on while doing abdominal work and a dance bag to keep their belongings in.

To ensure that proper distancing and sanitation takes place within the studio:

- We will have markers on the floor in the waiting area as well as in the dance space

to assist in the required 6-foot distancing.

- TPDC will provide sanitation materials, hand sanitizer stations, sanitizing wipes to students, and staff.
- We will have frequent sanitization of the restrooms, counters, and the waiting area.
- The staff of TPDC will routinely clean and disinfect all high touch surfaces in accordance with the DOH and the CDC guidelines.
- Hepa filters will be installed in our HVAC units if possible and or portable units will be placed in each dance space.
- UV wands, electrostatic sprayers, nightly fogging with an antiviral solution will be performed.
- Plexiglass physical barrier/shield guard will be installed between students and office staff.
- The credit card machine will be cleaned between each use. Contactless payment options are available by going on our website [turningpointdancecenter.com](http://turningpointdancecenter.com), clicking on make a payment or by mailing in a check to our Springfield location.

All employees will be trained to perform the TPDC protocol effectively and in a manner that promotes the safety of our students. Students and staff will be required to practice infection control practices such as regular hand washing, coughing and sneezing etiquette, and proper tissue usage and disposal.

Since things are constantly changing and the future is uncertain, I am unable to predict what the fall will be like. It is possible that studio protocol may need to be updated. I shall have the discretion to make additions, amendments, clarifications, exemptions, and inclusions to the terms of the TPDC protocol. If necessary, we will use a rotation system A & B (you will be notified prior to the start of classes which group your child is in) while we are patiently waiting for the number of students allowed in class to increase. We are installing televisions and go pro/webcams in each dance space so that the class may take place in person as well as via Zoom. If we are forced to close again we will go back to Zoom virtual classes as this is the way the entire world has been able to continue with their dance education/training.

I will be emailing a TPDC waiver and release form within the next few days. This form must be signed by a parent/guardian and returned prior to the start of classes.

I thank you all in advance for your continued support of Turning Pointe Dance Center. During these difficult and unprecedented times I am happy to be able to continue serving our dance families with a safe space for our dancers to learn and grow. I will continue to keep you informed throughout this evolving situation. Again, the health, safety, and welfare of my students and staff are of the utmost priority.

I am so excited to welcome you all back to TPDC for the 2020-2021 dance season. Have a safe and fun summer and we look forward to seeing you all very soon!

Sincerely,  
Julie