

As Encore moves forward to our 2020-2021 dance season, our team is committed to provide a safe and healthy environment for all Dancers and Attendees at our events. Working together, we have the ability to enjoy a wonderful weekend of dancing.

Encore's Implemented Policies for the Encore Dance Expo :

- **FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS:** Any attendees who are experiencing flu-like symptoms, we ask you please stay home.
- **TEMPERATURE CHECKS:** The Encore Team will have their temperature screened daily.  
Studio Directors are responsible to screen their Dancers and faculty each morning.
- **MASKS:** Masks will be required for all Attendees, Dancers, and the Encore Team while participating in Encore events. This includes all common areas. During competition performance on stage, dancers may remove masks at the discretion of the studio director. Masks will not be provided.
- **MASTER CLASSES, LIMITED CAPACITY:** The number of dancers in Master Classes will be limited to maintain Social Distancing.  
Ballrooms will be marked in a Grid Pattern to clearly delineate social distanced dance space.
- **VIRTUAL CLASS OPTION:** There will be a Virtual Class Option for dancers who prefer to take classes from their hotel room or remotely.  
Studios please contact the Encore Office at least 14 days prior to the Expo should you have dancers who wish to participate with the Virtual Option.
- **STAGGERED SCHEDULES:** Masterclass start/end times, breaks, lunches, etc. will be staggered in order to minimize the number of people in common areas at all times.
- **OBSERVERS:** As of today, In the Senior and Junior ballrooms, Observers will be limited to Studio Staff only. Limited Observers will be allowed in the Minis and Little Leaps ballrooms.
- **WATER STATIONS WILL BE ELIMINATED:** Dancers please bring your own bottle of water.
- **VENUE CLEANING:** Frequent cleaning and sanitization procedures will be implemented throughout the event.
- **BALLROOM/THEATER DOORS:** One way in/one way out. Doors will be propped open to minimize touch points.
- **HAND WASHING:** All attendees and Encore staff should clean their hands multiple times throughout the day as recommended by the CDC.
- **CASHLESS SALES:** No Cash will be accepted by Encore for any items available for sale at the event.
- **EVENT RELEASE FORM:** All attendees and Legal Guardians of participants will be required to sign an Event Release Form prior to attending an event hosted/sponsored/produced by Encore Performing Arts Showcase, Inc.

FOR COMPETITION AT THE ENCORE DANCE EXPO:

- **LIMITING CAPACITY:** Schedule may be done in studio blocks to adhere to the CDC Guidelines regarding size of group gatherings at the time of the event.  
We may limit the number of people allowed in the space per CDC/State Guidelines and State restrictions.
- **DRESSING SPACE:** Dressing space will be assigned by studio with appropriate social distancing.  
Studios should limit the number of parents assisting with costume changes.
- **COSTUMES:** No deductions will be made to routines not wearing costumes or to dancers wearing masks, gloves, or any protective garments.  
If performing "in costume," please have dancers wear their first costume to the venue.
- **STAGE and BACKSTAGE:** Protocols will be followed as outlined by the CDC & State "to-date" Guidelines.  
Only active performers in the routine will be backstage with one adult teacher. No other individuals permitted.
- **PROPS:** Prop handlers are permitted backstage and must wear a face mask at all times. Props must be handled solely by the studio handlers.  
No Encore staff will be permitted to assist. Props cannot be stored backstage.
- **AWARDS:** Overall Awards will take place virtually. Physical adjudicated awards will be distributed at the competition in bulk to Studio Directors only.

Potential Policies that may be implemented (including but not limited to):

- Questionnaire "completed and signed" regarding each individual's current health status, and recent travel history.
- Live-Streaming based on capabilities

You may not attend if:

- You have compromised immunity or underlying health issues.
- You are feeling ill in any capacity.
- Individuals aged 65 and over are encouraged to stay at home as much as possible.

\*Please note: Precautionary Encore Dance Expo Safety Policies are subject to change as CDC and State Guidelines/restrictions are revised.