

HIGH DEMAND *Dance Competition*

COVID-19 GUIDELINES & PROCEDURES

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First and foremost, thank you to our 2020 studios for your continued patience during a very challenging time. We have been working diligently to provide all our studios with a fun, inspiring, and most importantly, safe competition experience for our upcoming Outdoor Competition Experience in October as well as 2021!

Our 2021 motto is 'THE SHOW MUST GO ON'! HD is considering alternate venues and different event formats and platforms in the event that we need to have a backup plan. While these plans are not fully confirmed at this time, please know that we are currently working to secure these options. The 2021 Season is a very gray area right now, but we assure you that we will share any and all updates and be 100% transparent leading up to all events.

We are still encouraging studios to submit their Early Commitment deposits and forms to secure their studio's spot in our regionals, especially since we will not be able to accept as many entries in preparation for extra sanitation, crowd limitations and social distancing. Once the deposit is submitted, we are advising studios to wait until closer to the 30-day deadline to submit final payment. While there is a great deal of unknowns, we are doing our best to get ahead of the Covid curve to be able to make a call on the event format at least 30-days in advance.

HD will be in full compliance with CDC guidelines and as well as each events' local state governments. In addition, HD will have an additional layer of Covid-19 safety policies and procedures which will be updated as each event gets closer to ensure up-to-date compliance.

Below you will find our current guidelines in place as we prepare for our Outdoor Dance Competition Experience in Somerset, NJ 10/30-11/1. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE GUIDELINES WILL BE UPDATED AS NEW GUIDELINES AND INFORMATION ARE RELEASED LEADING UP TO OUR SEASON.**

High Demand Guidelines & Procedures

- Any dancer or attendee presenting any symptom provided by the CDC symptom tracker is advised not to attend. Anyone of high risk due to health issues is also advised not to attend.
- All studios will be required to submit a waiver. A signature is required for all dancers by a parent/legal guardian. The studio director will also be required to sign off on the form acknowledging that all signatures are accounted for.
- Masks are mandatory for all HD crew, dancers and attendees. Please note that proper mask wearing covers both your mouth and nose to be fully effective. Dancers are only permitted to remove their mask right before going on stage and must re-mask immediately upon exiting the stage. Each dancer is required to bring a pre-labeled bag with their name on it to leave on a designated table while they are performing. Please note that this table will be sanitized consistently throughout the event.
- Studio block scheduling - Please note that studios with less than 20 entries could be combined and scheduled together.
- Sanitization will be done throughout the event on the stage, in dressing rooms, seats, bathrooms and any surface used for the event in between studio blocks.
- Limited spectators - We will follow each state's restrictions and also consider our crew and studios' best interests to determine a limit of people in a building/area at a given time.

SOMERSET, NJ EVENT: Studio blocks will be controlled by color-coded wristbands for spectators only and limited to 100 spectators outdoors. Upon arrival, studio directors will be given the allotted wristbands to distribute prior to access to the spectator area. Per NJ State restrictions, the venue is restricted to 150 people inside the building that is being used for dressing rooms and restrooms. We will be closely monitoring the assigned dressing rooms and surrounding areas throughout the event to ensure compliance. Please adhere to these restrictions as we do not want to risk our event being shut down for any reason.

- Hand sanitizer stations will be available throughout the event.
- Our crew members will all be equipped with sanitizing wipes and hand sanitizer so feel free to ask them if any is needed at any time!
- Merchandise Store - We will have limited merchandise at the event for onsite purchase. Credit cards will be the only accepted form of payment and no merchandise can be tried on or touched until purchase is made. All sales are final and no returns/exchanges will be accepted.

- Only dancers and one studio representative are permitted backstage when on deck to perform. Additional people are not permitted backstage to carry props. Props must be carried and assembled by dancers or one studio representative.
- Temperature checks will be done for all dancers upon arrival. In addition, all crew members and judges will be checked daily.
- Costumes are optional and dancers are required to arrive in their first costume. There will be no score deductions for costuming or if a dancer chooses to wear a mask, gloves, etc.
- Gathering outside of the event (i.e. sidewalks & parking lots) is prohibited. We ask that anyone waiting outside of the event stay in their car.
- Overalls will be live streamed at the end of the event.
- The entire event, including awards, will be live streamed to limit on-site spectators.
- Within the studio blocks, dancers will have the option to be on stage for the adjudication awards ceremony at the end of their session.