



Houston, TX (Stafford) Event Protocols and Restrictions For Attending Studios

*In these uncertain times, we are honored to be hosting an event where dancers have the opportunity to shine on stage! Please be aware that the following protocols and restrictions are going to be **strictly enforced** for the **safety and well-being of all studios as well as our team members**. Your Director will be reaching out to you prior to your attendance to discuss any details in regards to your scheduled performance time.*

GENERAL REMINDERS:

- Our competition's number ONE priority and ability to host an event for your dancers is solely based on the health and safety of all attendees. **Masks are required at all times by any person who enters the venue area. Any guest violating this requirement will be escorted off the premises. Please inform your families of the importance of complying with this rule!**
- Due to the strict COVID-19 venue restrictions, **A LIMITED NUMBER OF GUESTS WILL BE PERMITTED IN THE AUDIENCE PER STUDIO. You are allowed a limited number of audience members not to exceed 230 people in the venue at any given time. Please email me your total number of chaperones Sue@dancekar.com**
- Live stream feed of all performances will be provided for your families' viewing pleasure from their phones.
- Please advise your families to practice social distancing in all areas of the premises. (both inside and outside) No physical touch with anyone who is not a family member.
- Only a max of 230 individuals per studio in the performance area, with only 35 dancers allowed on stage at one time. NO BUILT PROPS, handheld props only which the dancers must be able to carry on themselves.
- There will be sanitizing stations throughout the venue
- Once your schedule has been set as final, it cannot be changed at the event.

From the Venue:

Fort Bend County and the City of Stafford are not recommending relaxing social distancing guidelines or masks requirements at this time. This means Stafford Centre is still operating with all of our previous restrictions in place to inhibit the spread of COVID-19.

Requirements of wristbands:

- Wristbands are required to manage both facility access and onsite capacity.
- Dancers and Child Siblings (approx 10 years & younger) are NOT required to wear wristbands (but do count towards capacities)
- All Adult attendees (parents/guests/studio owners & teachers) ARE required to wear wristbands

TEACHER WALKTHROUGH & CHECK-IN:

- **Studio owners and all teachers** please arrive **1 hour before** the first performance for a walkthrough of the venue explaining the layout of the area, direction of traffic, dressing rooms, etc.
- Please inform your **dancers and parents** to arrive no earlier than **30 mins before** their scheduled performances time.

- If you have over 100 performers, please arrange for dancers to stagger their arrival times in accordance with the schedule to ensure venue capacity limits are not exceeded.
- **The following will be required for every individual entering the venue area:**
 - **Completed KAR waiver**
 - **Contactless temperature check**
- Please inform your dancers, teachers, chaperones that their forms and waivers should be **in-hand upon check-in**.
- Each approved guest will receive a wristband for re-admittance.
- A temperature check will be taken each time an individual re-enters the venue area.

DESSING ROOMS:

- Max 50 individuals per studio in the dressing room area including dancers at one given time.
- All costumes and bags may be stored in the dressing rooms, however, please be aware of the maximum occupancy limits.
- **We will not provide pop-up tents**, however, your families may choose to bring their own pop-up tents.
- **All dancers must use the appropriate dressing areas provided and not the guest restrooms for costume changes.**

PERFORMANCE TIME:

- After check-in, dancers will drop off any bags to the dressing rooms and report to the initial Holding Area.
- Please have dancers arrive in full first costume and ready to perform.
- **No rehearsal or running of performances is allowed in the Holding Area.** This room should be used for stretching and preparing the dancers to be called to the stage.
- Dancers may only remove masks for the live onstage performances.
- Please make sure each dancer brings a ziploc bag **labeled with his/her name** for the mask to be placed in during performances.
- **Dancers must immediately put masks back on after the performance.**
- We request that your teachers enforce face coverings as well as assist with the flow of the dancers from holding areas to stage to next performance and so on.

RESTROOMS:

- Restroom availability is limited.
- There is a maximum of 6 guests at a time in the guest restrooms. The venue is requesting that the dancers use the appropriate dressing areas provided and not the guest restrooms.
- In order to reduce contact between studios, restrooms will only be available during your studio's performance slot. Please inform your families of when restrooms are available.

PROPS:

- No Built Props are not permitted for this venue, only handheld.
- All handheld props must go immediately in and out for each performance.

AFTER PERFORMANCE:

- You will receive all of your general awards at the conclusion of your segment.
- MC will announce the general award once the performance has left the stage.
- We ask that all awards be distributed in the parking lot or off the premises.
- All High Point, Photogenic and Title awards will be shipped to your studio.

- The announcement of High Point awards will be on **Sunday approx. 1.5 hours after the last performance of the competition** following the event via Virtual LiveStream.
- Score sheets and judges commentary will be available no later than the Wednesday following the event
- Live stream link: <https://dancekar.com/competition/schedule/2021/1446>