

COVID-19 Update 6/14/2021

Dear NSDS Families,

Now that Baby I'm a Star is complete, we are turning our attention towards summer and fall. The CDC issued new guidelines on May 13th stating that fully vaccinated individuals can feel safe without a mask regardless of location, activity, or crowd size.

It is after thoughtful consideration that we make the following plan to return-to-normal.

Starting June 14th - NSDS will be transitioning from a policy of mask requirement to a policy of mask recommendation for staff and students.

- Mask wearing for students and staff who are vaccinated is optional.
- Masks are recommended for unvaccinated dancers, but not required.

June 21 - NSDS will be reopening its lobby for parents

NSDS reserves the right to pause or reverse its return-to-normal plan at any time. Any Covid-positive staff members and dancers will still be expected to stay home until they are out of the CDC recommended isolation window.

Although many of us will feel relieved to read this announcement, many also will feel concerned about and may choose to continue wearing their mask. Some dancers may be contending with additional health problems, some might have a particularly vulnerable family member at home, or they might simply choose to wear their mask. NSDS welcomes each family to make the choice that is right for them and encourages parents to talk to their children about this transitional period as well.

We thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Miss Terri-Owner Next Step Dance Studio