

## **USTD Safety Measures/Protocols for Competition Re-Opening (as of June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2020):**

- **Health Department/CDC/State and Venue Guidelines** - USTD will compile a complete list of all local Health Department, CDC, State and Venue guidelines with regards to COVID-19 safety measures and look to exceed the expectations of these guidelines in an effort to provide all attendees with the safest possible environment - some of this information has not been updated to reflect events that will take place in August - we will provide all of those measures to each studio once we receive them
- **Competition Schedule** - each participating studio will receive their own block of time in which to compete in order to limit venue occupancy. In the event that there are 2-3 studios with a small number of routines registered for the event, we may have those studios compete in the same block in which case each studio will also have their own dressing space
- **Deep Cleaning/Sanitization** - USTD staff as well as venue staff will conduct a 1 hour deep clean of the venue following each studio block or every 5 hours
- **Cleaning Sanitization Products** - we are working with a leading industrial cleaning manufacturer (Ecolab) to determine the best possible cleaning and sanitization products to ensure the health and well being of all USTD attendees. Cleaning clothes will be color coded so that they are used only with specific tasks and products. Safety Data Sheets (SDS) on which products we will be utilizing and how will be provided to each registered studio via email in advance of the event and will also be posted throughout the venue. These sheets will provide all product details including but not limited to, the types of viruses they kill as well as kill times and other pertinent information
- **Hand Sanitizing Stations** - will be located at various points around the venue specifically at venue entrances, retail, backstage (both sides of wings) etc....
- **Hand Sanitization Policy** - Dancers will be required to sanitize hands prior to going on stage and immediately following performances - stage managers will be located on either side of the wings to make certain this process is followed
- **Routine Entrances/Exit Policy** - we are requesting that all routines enter the stage from stage right and exit stage left. If this is not possible due to choreography, we ask that a studio representative advise the stage manager well in advance of that routine taking the stage so that both sides of the wings are clear for dancers to exit

- **Wings** - only 1 routine will be permitted in the stage right holding area at a time and those dancers will only be able to access that area once the routine prior has taken the stage
- **Costumes** - if a dancer is not comfortable changing in the dressing rooms provided and would rather wear generic dancewear to compete with all routines, no points will be deducted
- **Capacity Control** - Once we are made aware of the capacity allowed we will work directly with studio director and/or studio representative to control the number of spectators permitted in the theater for a given performance - at our discretion, we may allow fewer than state guidelines permit
- **Temperature Checks** - if required by state or local governments, USTD and/or venue staff will conduct temperature checks of every person entering the venue. We will utilize "no touch" infrared thermometers to perform this function if applicable. If required to check temperatures, any one attendee that registers 100.4 or higher will not be permitted to enter - will advise on this once we are provided with the guidelines
- **Waivers** - waivers will be required to be signed by each individual attendee or parent or legal guardian for those under the age of 18. We will either email the waiver in advance of the event and/or utilize a "smart waiver" at entrance to venue
- **Signage** - there will be laminated signs placed in all areas of the venue advising of USTD safety policies and procedures
- **Masks** - All USTD staff will be required to wear masks in accordance with state and local guidelines (with exception of judges while judging and emcee while making announcements) for the entirety of the event. Attendees and dancers will be required to follow state and local guidelines with regards to wearing masks
- **Gloves** - USTD retail staff, sound tech, temperature checkers, cleaners and stage managers will be required to wear latex free gloves while working in their positions
- **Social Distancing Procedures** - Judges will sit at separate tables to ensure that they remain 6' apart, yellow tape will outline a 6' area around sound and stage managers, yellow tape will be used to create standing areas 6' apart at retail area as well as a barrier in front of retail tables, and audience seating will include blocking a 6' wide middle section from back to front of seating and allowing attendees to utilize remaining seats in every other row. Families will be permitted to sit together, however, all others are strongly encouraged to continue adhering to strict social distancing guidelines - the number of dancers on stage will be determined by state and local guidelines - we will provide an update on this as soon as we have that information

- **Cashless Retail** - credit card will be the only form of payment accepted at USTD retail area and Clorox wipes will be used to wipe terminal and credit cards during each transaction
- **Step & Repeat** - in an effort to reduce the inclination for dancers to gather together in a small area we will not be setting up USTD step & repeats for photo opportunities
- **Music Upload** - We strongly urge each registered studio to upload their studio's music prior to the music upload deadline date. While studios will still be required to have backup music on hand, upload will limit handling of USB and/or devices by our sound tech throughout the event
- **Live Stream** - we will live stream the event to limit the audience capacity while providing an option for those unable or not comfortable to attend with an opportunity to watch the event in real time
- **Awards** - upon completion of a studio(s) block, that studio's awards will be announced in order of performance and one studio representative will be permitted to enter the stage to receive each award - this will be for adjudication only
- **Virtual Awards** - A virtual awards ceremony will take place no later than 1 week following the event at which time all Overall awards, special awards, etc... will be announced