

2021 COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

EVENT: MINN 2.5, MN
APRIL 22-25, 2021

We are so excited to get back to the stage and celebrate our **17th season** at Masquerade Dance with you!

We know that you have been working hard to put everything you can into your performances, and we are looking forward to an outstanding competition! You will notice we have made some changes and are taking every precaution to keep you and your dance family safe.

Please take a moment to read through the following information so you and your teammates are prepared for the weekend.

***Notes in RED indicate venue specific regulations**



ARRIVAL & CHECK-IN

Upon arrival, please locate the designated entrance to the venue and follow all applicable social distancing guidelines.

All dancers and their TWO guests must enter through the North Side of the building. This is the side of the parking deck.

Masks are required for any person entering the venue. **Masks must be worn on stage.**

All attendees must complete the online waiver prior to arrival and have the QR code ready to scan. Please have your family party arrive and check in at the same time.

Temperature checks and wristbands will be issued upon entry.

Wristbands should be worn throughout your studio block and should not be removed until after the completion of your awards ceremony. If your wristband is removed, you will not be allowed re-entry.

Please be thoughtful about physical distancing while waiting to enter the venue.

Download the Masquerade Dance app and allow push notifications so that we can alert you when the venue is ready for entry.

Follow us on social media and stay connected with our live tracker—keeping you up to date so you know when the previous session has been completed.



DRESSING ROOMS

All dressing rooms will be assigned. Your studio owner will have all the information you need about which dressing room or area you have been assigned to.

Due to capacity restrictions, some venues may not allow parents and/or chaperones in the dressing areas.

Dancers and their pre-determined chaperones must stay in their designated dressing rooms.

Dancers will be allowed to make their way to the stage no more than three routines before their scheduled performance.

Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding of these protocols.

BACKSTAGE & PROPS

Dancers must wear masks at all times.

Please remember to maintain proper physical distancing while waiting in the backstage area.

Unfortunately, no parents will be allowed in the backstage area.

Studios will be required to limit the amount of staff backstage during the performances.

Please be sure that all handheld props are properly sanitized before and after they are used in a performance on stage.

All Prop Dads must complete the check-in process before any props may be loaded into the venue. This includes a signed waiver and temperature check before entry. Prop Dads will be issued a color specific wristband in order to make access to the backstage area more streamlined. Prop dads should check in with the studio staff at the beginning of the block.



THEATER SEATING

Please follow all seating guidelines and instructions from venue staff.

Avoid sitting in large groups so that you can maintain appropriate physical distancing.

Only those who have signed the waiver, had their temperature taken and obtained a wristband will be allowed to view any of the performances from the audience.

Please be aware that many venues will have seats blocked off, wrapped or taped off. Please do not remove these barriers.

You are encouraged to keep your family together and in the same seating area for the duration of the awards session.

AWARDS & LIVESTREAM

Please remove ALL items from the dressing rooms before the awards ceremony begins. You will not be allowed to return to these dressing areas once the awards session has started.

We ask that all dancers and their family members physically distance from others in the theater during your placement and special awards session.

All placement pins, medals and special awards will be packed and given to your studio owner at the conclusion of the awards session.

Please join us via live stream **Sunday evening at 8pm CST** for the presentation of your Overall Awards, Title Awards, Encore Selections, Best of Show, Top Studio and other special awards! Please check the Masquerade Dance app for the latest updates and times.

The live stream will be available on the Masquerade Dance app, as well as our website.

All live streams will remain available to watch after the event should you not be able to make the scheduled awards ceremony.



EXITING THE FACILITY

Please be aware of all necessary instructions for exiting the building. Keep in mind you may be required to exit the venue through a different location than where you entered.

Be sure to take all of your belongings with you so that our cleaning krewe can prepare for the next team of dancers. Please do not linger in the seating area following your awards session. Theaters have strict capacity guidelines and we will not be able to admit the next group until the building is clear.

Dancers and their TWO guests must exit the facility through the South Side (126th Street) of the building.

VENUE SPECIFIC INFO & REGULATIONS

No outside food and beverage. Concessions will be open. Dancers may bring in water bottles.

