



### The Tap Happy Coronavirus Policies

Many of us are following the news regarding the COVID-19 coronavirus. I want you to know Tap Happy's plan and policies regarding your safety while we have fun tap dancing together.

As you may know, Tap Happy rents studio space from Claire School of Dance, which leases space from Grace United Methodist Church. The church has maintenance staff who regularly clean the entranceway and bathrooms. Normally, you can also find a container of Clorox wipes in the bathrooms. Claire School of Dance maintains the dance studio including regular cleaning. There is always hand sanitizer in the studio that you may use as needed. There is also a box of tissue and a small trash can.

Here is what I, personally, will be doing:

I plan to provide any additional wipes or hand sanitizer, as needed, during the Spring Term. When we use the ballet barres, I will wipe them down first. We will not be sitting on the floor for the remainder of the term. Any instructor developing flu-like symptoms will stay at home and students will be promptly notified as needed. I will do my best to provide you with a delightful substitute instructor, should that occur. If any classes are cancelled, options including a refund will be offered to you at that time.

What we ask of our Tap Happy community members:

In the past, students celebrated their mastery of new steps by 'high-fiving' one another. In lieu of this fun tradition, we are now replacing it with another. We will make 'jazz hands!' to celebrate and encourage each other! This does not involve contact and is a fun inside joke from the musical theatre and dance communities that has filtered into the public sphere. I'll show you how to do this in class.

Spring is a time of allergies and hay fever, which could be mistaken for the flu. If you suffer from allergies and know for certain that it is not something more, please take something to stop your symptoms before attending class. You are welcome to wear a mask to class if needed. Everyone is welcome to use the wipes and hand cleanser as needed. You are also welcome to wash your hands downstairs before and after class, as needed. (There are three sinks: two bathrooms and the kitchen.) Naturally, if you have flu-like symptoms, please stay home. Tap Happy has a generous make-up class policy already in place. You can find it on the website Policy Page here.

Obviously, if anyone should discover that they have been exposed to COVID-19, I will need to be notified immediately so that I can alert not only our community, but the other organizations involved, too. Hopefully, our thorough hand-washing and other common sense precautions prevent this as we joyfully carry on our lives.

Please note that these weeks of March 9 – 20, 2020, the Claire School of Dance is closed for spring break, but Tap Happy classes continue. This means that we will be about the only people using the studio at this time, leaving the space comparatively germ-free except for whatever we bring there, ourselves. So if you have lessons to make up from the Winter Term, I encourage you to take advantage of these two weeks (if you are not away on your own spring break).

Tap Happy is prepared to calmly and joyously carry on as usual, while taking these common sense measures. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at [TapHappy@dancepath.com](mailto:TapHappy@dancepath.com) or 832-995-9004.

With warmest regards,  
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