

TALENT ON PARADE

SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES

The Covid-19 pandemic requires that things are a little different as we return to competition this summer. Please do your part to social distance in a responsible manner as you see fit for your family/studio, and also please respect the practices put in place by those around you. For our part we have made the following decisions and offer the following suggestions in an effort to reduce group contact.

1. We will not be including TOP Starz, Charity Dance Downs, or Master Classes during national competition this year.
2. We will not be calling dancers as a group to the stage for awards. Instead, we are asking you to choose one representative from each act to pick up when called. This can be done as the results are announced (preferred), or anytime thereafter backstage during the week of competition if that makes you more comfortable.
3. Please do not move seating into larger groups than what is pre-set for the day. The saving of seats will also be restricted this year since the overall seating capacity will be reduced for social distancing purposes.
4. The coloring contest is back, but you will be required to bring and use your own Crayons and/or markers. Coloring sheets can be requested individually from the TOP Shop merchandise staffers.
5. Costumes are optional if you prefer to avoid the dressing rooms altogether. Judges' will be instructed not to make point reductions based on costuming decisions. If you decide to wear and change costumes we encourage you to arrive at the venue each day in the costume you will wear for your first performance of the day to help limit the amount of time required in a dressing room. We will also encourage that each dancer be assisted by only one other person in making costume changes (if assistance is necessary at all). Please also do not linger in the dressing areas. Make your changes and exit the room immediately.
6. Limit the number of audience members responsibly. All stage activities will be live-streamed for those who remain home to watch.
7. Spread out. The entire venue is ours to use, both upstairs and down.
8. Protective masks, face shields and gloves are optional, both in the audience and on the stage. Please wear them if that makes you more comfortable. Attempting, however, to shame or ridicule others for their personal decisions concerning protective apparel will NOT be tolerated. Make appropriate decisions for your family and respect the decisions others make for theirs.
9. Come to and then leave the venue as you feel most comfortable. We simply ask that you monitor the progress of the schedule and be ready to perform when called upon.