

You see that we have two schedules. The first is the schedule that has shortened classes and staggered starting and ending times. This schedule allows us to reduce the amount of dancers transitioning in and out of the building at the same time. It allows for cleaning of the floors and other touched surfaces like barres and bathrooms between groups in the building. The second schedule is what our "normal" schedule looks like. We hope, by fall, to be at the normal schedule. At this point in time, it is not responsible of me to put out a normal schedule and hope for the best. There is no handbook on how to proceed with this. Studio owners around the country are foraging ahead with guidance from governmental and local officials as well as legal counsel. On the surface it may seem like it is an easy process, but I assure you that it is not. I also assure you that I have spent much of these past few months coming up with a way to move forward that is 1. Safe for the dancers of Dance, etc! 2. Safe for the employees of Dance, etc! and 3. Is financially responsible for the business. I can not predict the future of how things will progress, but want to give you an idea of how we will proceed.

The last weekend that we were in the studio we implemented new policies. This weekend was successful and we will, at least for the first part of the 2020-2021 season, be following that same protocol. Parents, siblings and extra people (outside of the Dance with me program) will not be allowed in the building. \* We understand that there may be cases that support staff is needed for dancers, that will be worked out with the office on a case by case basis. We want ALL dancers to be able to participate. Currently we are limited by square footage on how many people can be in the building. It does not make financial sense to have the number of dancers allowed on the floor reduced due to parents and siblings in the room. Most other studios in the city and country also followed this rule before the pandemic was upon us. The staff will be making a video explanation of this as well. Dancers are dropped off at the door no earlier than 5 minutes before class starts and are met by staff. They will be directed to an area where they can place their outside items such as shoes and coats- (marked, spaced out and not touching) Dancers will not be able to bring extras into class, only their dance shoes, and need to come dressed for class. Dancers will then move to designated, distanced waiting spots. They will be let into the class, given hand sanitizer to use and be given a special place to put their class items (shoes and individual, labeled water bottles). Currently, the guidelines state that dancers will need to be in separate spaced out squares. We will accomplish this by taping off areas for dancers. Other studios in the country have begun to open and have found fun and creative ways for dancers of all ages to understand and be successful in this method. Any props/mats that are used will be taken and disinfected by staff before the next class use. Items that can not be cleaned will not be used. After class is over, dancers will collect their items, wash hands and move to the pick up area. Older dancers will be allowed to exit on their own. Staff will assist in getting younger dancers to their parents- just like elementary school! Some studios have asked that you place a sign on your windshield with your dancers name to help staff identify the correct car. I like this idea to help us get to recognize which dancer belongs with which adult. This will be especially helpful if you are a new student or you have a new teacher this season. After class is over, the areas where dancers and their items were will be cleaned in preparation for the next class arrival.

As I said, I can not predict the future, but if you register you are agreeing to attend either the modified schedule, or the "normal schedule." As well as the viewing restrictions outlined above. We will continue to do tuition the same. As always, tuition payments will be either due at the beginning of the year in one sum, or broken down into 4 payments. If you are dropping, you need to notify the office and you will be responsible for paying the entire quarter. Notify us before the next quarter begins to avoid charges. If we are forced to move our instruction online, you will be agreeing to pay for the entire quarter and will need to notify us before the next one begins if you are dropping to avoid charges for the next quarter.

Thank you for your support, patience and understanding during this time of uncertainty. Things could change at any moment and it is our priority to keep families well informed as recommendations change. We sincerely hope to see your dancers in the fall.