

Dear 5678 Families,

First, I would just like you to know that we are praying for our community, our students, and all of our dance families. We know this time of uncertainty can be stressful and we want to be here to support you and your children in any way we can.

We have been continuously monitoring the updates regarding the COVID-19 Virus. In light of our local government agencies' recommendations, we now feel it is our responsibility to our dancers to temporarily suspend classes at Studio 5-6-7-8's physical location. We hope to return to on sight classes starting April 6. This situation is constantly changing and we will update our families if, or as the need arises.

Starting Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> we will be changing to an online module to allow our students to continue their training and have routine exercise. We are really excited to have this opportunity to teach our students online and give them a sense of normalcy, not to mention an outlet for all of their energy! We believe this can be an amazing opportunity to serve our students and our families.

Our plan is to provide a combination of interactive(live) classes, pre-recorded classes, supplemental materials, and a little something for our parents too. Supplemental materials will include items such as: dance vocabulary sheets, dance themed crossword puzzles, coloring sheets, strength and flexibility goal setting, interviews with teachers, and/or short dance or acro challenges.

I will be working with instructors this week on preparing the online modules and will get the information out ASAP. We want to make this transition as user friendly as possible. I'm sure there will be a bit of a learning curve for our staff and our families at first, but we can do this! More than ever our kids will need to get some exercise and physical activity. The is key to stay healthy and happy!

**Answers to questions you may have:**

*How will the online dance classes work?*

I have been doing my research and should have exact details in the next couple of days. You will receive weekly links to lessons for your specific class that will include technique, recital choreography (if applicable), flexibility, conditioning and some fun extras!

*What about the Recital?*

We are moving forward as planned toward an end of the season recital to showcase our amazing performers and all of their hard work. These students deserve it! As I mentioned above, we will continue learning recital choreography with the online classes and go from there. We have options such as continuing classes into June and postponing to a summer recital, recording the recital without an audience and live streaming it... I am researching options and will reassess in a month. We don't have to rush and decide now.

*What about costumes?*

With the exception of a couple of classes, most of our recital costumes have already been sent home with students. We can do private fittings for those costumes that arrive during our online class session or we can wait until classes resume in the studio.

*What about competition teams and comp fees?*

I will address these students in a separate email coming soon.

Please email me any questions or ideas you may have. I know if we stay positive and work together we can ride this out and get our amazing lives back to normal.

These are vital times for our studio and staff. Your continued support will help us get through this temporary closure and be able to continue to serve our community in the future.

If you have any questions, please email us at [studio5678yukon@gmail.com](mailto:studio5678yukon@gmail.com) Stay healthy and safe, 5678 families. We will continue to be a light in our dancers' lives and then come back stronger than ever!

Sincerely,

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