

Dear DansConnection Families,

What a whirlwind the last week has been for families, schools, community leaders and local businesses!

We first want to thank everyone who has reached out by way of email, text, direct messages and calls to offer support - especially over the past 48 hours. One week ago we were making an entirely different set of plans for this week's activities.

We are in uncharted waters, which is requiring a new level of flexibility and adaptation like never before. How many of you thought you'd be homeschooling indefinitely last week? We sure didn't, but quickly learning how much credit goes to those who have done it the whole time!

After time to process, we are confident (and even excited!) in our plan!

To that end, based on current information and recommendations available we are suspending classes with plans to reopen the studio on May 4, 2020. Everything we do, will continue to be guided by the direction of the Government of Alberta and the Chief Medical Health Officer.

PROGRAM UPDATES

- **2019 – 2020 Dance Full Year Programs**
 - **DCTV - Keep moving and dancing with your very own DansConnection Teachers. This is being given to our dancers at no charge until the end of April. Watch your inbox for more details coming Monday, March 23rd.**
 - All in studio classes are suspended with plans to resume normal class Monday May 4th. Classes will run until June 19th
 - We have been in continuous communication with GPRC theatre in regard to rescheduling possibilities for our recital. As you can imagine, GPRC needs to prioritize rescheduling decisions for their own programs such as classes and graduation before looking at new dates for community events. While that piece of the puzzle is very likely to take awhile, we can assure we want to hold our recital and will continue to provide more information.
 - **TUITION** – Monthly tuition will be suspended for the month of April. With this plan in place, payments will be processed May 1, 2020 & June 1, 2020.
 - **PICTURES** - Pictures should be ready for the first week in May and will be available to pick up when we return to classes.



- **PreSchool**
 - All classes are suspended with plans to resume normal class Monday May 4th.
 - **TUITION** - April 1st payments will not be processed
 - We will adjust all payments to reflect the new schedule once we are back in classes.
 - Please watch your inbox for more details, we will schedule a day to pick up your shoes and cubbie items today or tomorrow.
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- **March Mini Mesters**
 - March: 4 week Mini Mester are being cancelled
 - **TUITION** - All dancers will receive full credit for these classes to be used in a future session.
 - Please check out dansconnection.com to see our May and Summer Mini Mester options.

- **April Mini Mesters**
 - April Mini Mesters will now start May 4 and run for the 8 week session.
 - Adjustments will be made to all accounts.

- **Summer Classes**
 - Remains unchanged

While there are many uncertainties at this time, here are a couple of things we DO know for certain from our 20 years of teaching. *The kids are watching how the adults they trust are handling this situation.* They are taking cues from us as to how to process the entire situation. History is playing out before their eyes. Little ones are going to need extra assurance, time and familiar things.

We take pride in being responsible small business owners and want to continue to make the right decisions for our dancers and their families. We appreciate your understanding at this difficult and uncertain time and hope you all stay healthy.

With much appreciation,
Shelly Rutherford & Lorraine Stapleton