

March 19, 2020

## THE P.A.C.E. STUDIO: COVID-19 UPDATE

Due to the unforeseen ramifications of the COVID-19 Pandemic, The P.A.C.E. Studio classes are suspended through April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The PACE Studio will release an updated statement by April 3<sup>rd</sup> in regards to whether we will resume classes on Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, or extend the suspension additional weeks.

We are following guidance from federal, state and local agencies, including the CDC. We have three main objectives in our response to COVID-19: (1) reducing and eliminating transmission among staff and students, (2) protecting people who are at higher risk for adverse health complications, and (3) maintaining business operations.

We are dedicated in doing our part in the fight against COVID-19, and we are dedicated to finding ways to adapt. ~~Effective the tentative return date to classes~~, The P.A.C.E. Studio plans to implement several precautionary measures in an effort to combat COVID-19 and insure the continuation of the performing arts season:

- Adult Ballet, Adult Tap, and Tiny Dancers class will be suspended for the remainder of the season in order to free up space at the studio for recital classes that require extra rehearsals.
- The studio will ONLY be open to students and staff until further notice. Parents, guardians, and guests will not be permitted to wait inside studio while classes are in session. This will allow us to eliminate oversized groups and congestion inside the studio.
- Most classes on our schedule will be shortened by 5 to 10 minutes and begin/end at different times. This allows us to place a break between each class and prevents overcrowding caused by multiple classes ending at the same time. This also allows the teacher to overwatch parent-pickup of students and allows teachers to have a break between classes to sanitize classrooms. Revised schedules will be released at a later time.
- Dress code for Pre-K classes will be relaxed until further notice. If your child struggles to dress and undress when using the restroom as a result of wearing leotards, please have your child wear regular active wear/gym clothing as an alternative. This is to prevent the need for mom or dad at the studio during restroom breaks.
- Students are not permitted inside studio unless the class that they are actively enrolled in is in session. Parents, please drop-off and pick-up students within 5 minutes of their class' beginning and ending times.
- All furniture (tables, chairs, etc.) will be removed from waiting rooms. Toys and reading material will also be removed.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be established in every room as well as outside our front entrance for students to use upon entering and exiting the studio.
- Water fountain will be unplugged and off limits. Please have your student bring a labeled water bottle to class. We will have water bottles in the office fridge for emergency use.
- Staff, will instruct students to sanitize hands regularly in class (at least every 30 minutes) as well as to practice basic hygiene such as not touching face or surfaces that do not need to be touched.
- Students will be instructed to not contact one another in class. Dance moves and activities requiring touching a partner will be suspended until further notice.
- Students and staff are required to stay home if sick or if they have been around anyone infected with COVID-19.
- In the event a student shows signs of illness (cough, sore throat, fever, difficulty breathing, etc.), student will be isolated and sent home immediately.
- If your dancer shows signs of COVID-19, please contact your medical provider and the studio's office personnel so that we can take adequate measures. Confidentiality will be observed.
- To avoid overcrowding, the studio will eliminate "in-person" payments. Payments can be made online via The P.A.C.E. Studio's "Parent Portal", via phone call with credit card, or via postal service using check form of payment.

Again, the above measures are planned to be implemented upon the return date which is currently tentative.

We will continuously monitor the rapidly evolving situation as more information becomes available, and continuously make updates to our "game plan" and make any decisions deemed appropriate. We will release an updated statement by April 3<sup>rd</sup>. While this outbreak has interrupted most lives, we are optimistic, with appropriate measures, we will be able to continue our performing arts season and end the year with a beautiful recital whether it be big or small.

If you have any questions, concerns, or feedback, please feel free to contact us by email at [pacestudio@live.com](mailto:pacestudio@live.com) or by phone at (850)994-1875.

We wish you and your family good health, peace, and flexibility during these times.

Kind regards,

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