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Dear families,

At The Dance House we recognize that there are concerns about the encroaching spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) and its impact on schools and extracurricular activities. Current information available from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) can be found on their [website](#).

At this time, it is important that we focus heavily on prevention. We recommend that parents of children in level 1 classes or higher drop and pick up their dancer at the main entrance curbside. Reminder that drop-off is to be done with the passenger side of the vehicle curbside, so pull in straight and drive around the building to do so. A faculty member will be outside at the beginning and end of each class. For Mini Movement families, please limit attendees to 1 adult and no siblings, if at all possible. Further, if anyone in your family has an illness with a fever, please plan on keeping your dancer at home. All classes can be made up at another time.

As we continue to monitor guidance from the CDC, we encourage you to follow basic strategies for preventing the spread of communicable diseases:

- Practice social distancing when ill
  - Do not attend dance or public functions when exhibiting cold and flu-like symptoms
  - You must be 24-hour free of a fever before returning to dance
- Cough or sneeze into bent elbow or tissue
- Handwashing
  - Keep unwashed hands out of mouth, eyes, etc.
  - Wash or sanitize hands often, especially after using bathroom, before eating, or after coughing, sneezing, or blowing nose
  - When washing hands, use soap and water, rubbing hands together for 20 seconds before rinsing off soap and drying hands with paper towels
- Cell phone/laptop/device sanitation
  - Recommend cleaning daily
- Discourage sharing of food

**At The Dance House we will continue to do the following:**

- Provide hand sanitizer and tissues in each room
- Remind dancers to wash their hands after class
- Use approved, hospital-grade cleaning products on all high-touch surfaces multiple times per week
- Nightly sanitizing of bars and other high-touch surfaces
- Stay in contact with the Medina and Wayne County Health Departments and follow CDC protocols, as information is changing daily. Decisions regarding The Dance House utilizing calamity days will be evaluated on a daily basis.
- Communicate with your frequently, as sometimes information changes hourly with this situation.

Below is a brainpop video that is appropriate for younger school-aged students, if you have a dancer concerned about this virus.

<https://www.brainpop.com/health/diseasesinjuriesandconditions/coronavirus/?fbclid=IwAR3Q3aE0Cz8gPMAqOHU0SjMwnBMhIKEnrVqT5w8wBxNMNNGuFHPPrSLurFTw>

As always, if you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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