



## Dear Aspire Families-

We have been continuously monitoring the updates regarding the COVID-19 Virus. In light of the recommendations of the California Health Department and other government agencies, and as well as the local school district closures, **we now feel it is our responsibility to our dancers and community to temporarily suspend classes at Aspire.**

**Aspire will be closed Monday, March 16-Sunday, March 22.**

During this week of temporary closure, we will be sending out links to some fun activities, creative dance ideas, and a few combos & classes to partake in at home. More than ever our kids will need to get some exercise and physical activity. This is key to staying healthy and happy! When we return back into the studio, **all missed classes can be made up** at anytime in the remainder of the dance year.

We do hope to be back in the studio on March 23, but in the event of further necessary closure, our teachers and staff will be spending this week preparing to move to an online teaching model. **This way our dancers can participate in their dance classes from home, and continue to receive the wonderful benefits that our dance classes provide!** In case of longer closure, this will also allow us to continue teaching and working on our recital dances, as well as helping our dancers stick to their routine—which will help reduce anxiety and bring joy to our kids.

We will send out more information towards the end of next week regarding future possible closures. At that time will also send out information regarding the processes of accessing an online class model as well in case of further closure.

If the studio ends up being closed for 1-2 weeks, and we can resume classes by March 30, we will still take our previously scheduled Spring Break from April 13-19. If the studio ends up being closed for more than 2 weeks, and we cannot resume classes by March 30, the week of March 16-March 22 will serve as our Spring Break—so we can get back to classes and prepare for our recital.

We will continue to prepare for our 2020 Dance Recital, and at this time, it will take place it as planned on June 20. Should anything change, we would **postpone**, not cancel our event. Our Student Choreography Showcase (which was scheduled for March 28) will most likely be postponed at this time.

Aspire will continue to provide its teachers and staff with normal pay during this time, in an effort to support our local community, as well as the health and welfare of our staff. **These are vital times for our studio and staff, and your continued support will help us get through this temporary closure and be able to continue serve our community in the future.**

**If you have any questions, please email us at [aspiredancestudio@yahoo.com](mailto:aspiredancestudio@yahoo.com)**

Stay healthy and safe, Aspire families! **Aspire will continue to be a light in our dancers' lives, and then come back stronger than ever!** We look forward to seeing you again soon!

Sincerely,

Alexia Liavas  
Owner and Director

***P.S.—On a side note:***

*For those of you needing child care—Aspire has amazing, trustworthy teens and young adults that may be willing to help. We are happy to connect those who need child care with those who are available to watch children. Let us know if this is a need you have or if you are willing to babysit.*