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Dear Family Members of Debbi's Dance, Etc.

Starting Monday, March 15th, we will be closed for classes in an effort to follow CDC & Dept. of Health guidelines to keep a distance of 6 feet between people to prevent the spread of COVID-19. During the closure, we will provide online options to try to create some sense of normalcy and keep dancers moving, learning and creating. We are hoping to create a fun environment for dancers in the comfort of their own home, while maintaining contact (from afar) with their co-dancers and teachers.

To say this has been an incredibly difficult decision, is a huge understatement. It has been tearing us apart. We want to do what is best for everyone, and know what a physical, social, emotional, and creative outlet dance provides for our dance family (dancers, staff and parents alike). Our current plan is to have a revised Sunday Schedule and Front Desk hour tomorrow, 3/15/20 (see below) and reassess opening for classes or a limited schedule after our regular scheduled Spring Break ends April 12th. We're hopeful that by encouraging everyone to stay home, we can come together soon. We will continue to monitor CDC & Dept. of Health guidelines.

We ask that you stick with us during this difficult time. Please give us a few days to work out an online structure with our teachers. We will communicate with dance families via email. If you don't currently receive emails from us, please send us an email from our website (www.DebbisDanceEtc.com) or email Michelle directly at michellehager@earthlink.net.

Besides dancing remotely, we're planning to conduct makeup classes, including the week following our Dance Spectacular recital in June and fun master classes for all ages and levels. We're working to get online payments set up with our database, and can also take payments by phone. Both studio owners can help you. Michelle can be reached at 360-485-2597, Andrea's number is 360-528-0872 and we will be checking the studio voicemail. We're offering a special one-time discount to families this month. Pay your current balance, plus the remaining 3 months of tuition and receive 20% off your April, May and June tuition. Families who donate that 20% (or more) back to the studio will receive special recognition.

Classes with costume orders will receive a phone call from us in the next couple weeks to coordinate your order for our end of the year show. April competitions are postponed for now. We will communicate the new dates, locations and logistics as soon as we receive them. Please remember to cancel your hotel rooms for the April competitions if you haven't done so. The Spotlight competition in May has not been postponed at this point.

Thank you so much for tremendous support! We know virtual communication, instruction and activities won't be the same as being in class, but we hope that they will help provide dancers with a valuable way to spend their time during this break. Please get plenty of rest, enjoy spending time with your family, eat well and get exercise and fresh air every day. Stay healthy and stay positive! Together, we can do difficult things.

Best regards,

Michelle Hager & Andrea Patton
Co-owners, Debbi's Dance, Etc.

Sunday 3/15/20 Schedule:

Noon – 1 pm: Production Co Tea Party & Mad Hatter dancers

1 – 2 pm: Dance Workout for Sunday Dancers and Front Desk OPEN

2 – 3 pm: Production Co. Heads will Roll dancers & Mad Hatter dancers (if needed)

Please note: We respect families who choose not to come in. We ask that people with cold or flu-like symptoms stay home. The front desk is OPEN 1-2 for payments. Dancers only beyond the front desk. Dancers, please bring water labeled with your name. No other food or beverages and wash your hands as soon as you enter the building.