

Sunday, March 15th

Dear DMME Family,

We first want to start off by saying we hope you all are well and remaining positive through this time of uncertainty. The impact of the COVID-19 can be felt on all of us and I'm grateful we have this wonderful resource of our extended dance family to help get us through it!

We have been monitoring local recommendations and due to last night's call of York & Cumberland County schools closing, we will also follow suit and do our part to ensure the health and well-being of our DMME families. Therefore, our studio will be closed from this Monday, March 16th through Saturday, March 28th.

Over the course of this upcoming week we will be collecting resources, uploading recital music and creating videos for at home practice. We appreciate your patience as we give our instructors time to create sufficient content for your dancer. Details regarding access will be shared with you as they become ready and available.

What does this mean for *my* classes?

Our 6 week sessions, including tumbling, will be paused/postponed until further notice and our regular season classes will continue with online videos and activities. As our children face this strange and challenging time, it is not only important for them to continue to have physical activity and movement in their lives, but to also keep some sort of "normal." For many, dance is a release from their stress and anxiety and is a true time of joy for them. Their joy is our joy and our instructors are committed to figuring out ways to keep them healthy, happy & dancing!

What does this mean regarding *going forward and recital*?

We're following guidelines and making these important decisions now to ensure the health and positive outcome of getting back to our normal! These dancers have worked so hard and we have such an amazing show planned for you! Please reassure your dancers that we're committed to making it happen - the show will go on! Over the course of the coming weeks, we will continue to monitor the local recommendations. In the event closures become extended, we have plans of action ready and will keep you updated if they become necessary.

We appreciate your continued support and patience as we make our way through this uncharted territory. Makeup dates will be announced at a later date which could include but not limited to April Break.

Wishing happiness and health to our DMME family.
Michelle & the Dance Moves Maine staff