

In light of the actions taken by Governor Cooper on March 23 to extend public school closing and require additional businesses to suspend service, IMDC is making the socially responsible choice to also remain closed. As of today, our intention is to re-open on April 20th. This of course could change but we are hopeful that it will be possible since our President has acknowledged the need to start the process of once again encouraging businesses to operate in the near future after being closed for a lengthy time in order to slow the spread of the virus.

The tentative IMDC timeline of re-opening and events:

- 4-20-20 Classes resume
4-26-20 Recital Costume Distribution
May 4-7: Originally Recital Picture week--canceled

Recital Picture Days--due to losing classes we have elected to forgo our usual week of studio portraits. Your dancer will still however, be able to come to the studio and have her pictures made with our professional photographer and she will honor the great prices you are accustomed to receiving. The only difference will be no group picture but an individual instead in all packages. In early May watch for a sign-up to have your dancer's picture taken Friday-Sunday May 29-31 at IMDC!!

June 11: dance year extended by 2 weeks—new last date of classes

June 12-15 annual recitals

If large gatherings are still discouraged our recital will take on a completely different look and be a much smaller experience. Not what our families are used to for an IMDC SHOW; but the more important issue is to be responsible and not disappoint all of our dancers who deserve their turn on the stage! More to be determined!

What does this mean for tuition payments?

March remains a full month of tuition—the 2 weeks we were out become the 2 added weeks of classes in June. April tuition will be half of a month and May will be a full month. Tuition will not be due in June since March covered those classes. We have been overwhelmed with gratitude for those of you who have mailed your monthly payment. It is clear you realize the devastation that small businesses are facing and we so appreciate your support. If you want to mail your payment please send it to the mailing address: PO Box 24095 Winston-Salem, NC 27114; or you may certainly wait until we resume classes. If you have tuition questions, our office manager, Lou Jaynes, is working from home so you may email her at:

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Last but not least we miss our students more than you will know. Some of the teachers and I will be sending out additional videos and resources for virtual dance classes at home to finish out our time apart! Most importantly is #keepdancing! Thank goodness for on-line registration—make sure you have completed both your summer and fall registration as soon as possible!

Thank-you

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