

Hi In Motion Parents and Dancers

I just wanted to update everyone on where In Motion stands and some logic behind our decisions. We all are grateful that NC has entered into phase 1. There is light at the end of this pandemic tunnel!

Unfortunately, we are legally not allowed to open yet. We considered opening for private lessons during phase 1 but the provisions on the NC government web site are clear about businesses involving activities for children to wait until phase 2. Even with the precautions we are sure we can implement, we would be in violation and I simply know that is not the honorable thing to do.

I am going to exercise patience, caution and listen to the experts and authorities. So where does that leave us—we are holding weekly ZOOM classes for all IMDC dancers—there are many options in addition to the material we are constantly uploading to our web site. Please continue to enjoy those resources as well as our CLI affiliation for additional virtual classes.

Once entering phase 2 we will begin our private lessons at a greatly reduced rate—simply to start to get our dancers moving again. We know how important it is to re-establish normal behavior as it safe and we are confident about implementing some exciting changes at IMDC to make our studio equipped for re-starting our dance program. These private lessons will be for all ages and levels and can be shared with multiple dancers--

I will be revealing more about those details in a later video when we enter phase 2.

Additionally I did want to address my decision to cancel the recital since I have received some emails questioning that decision—specifically why I made the call to cancel not postpone. Believe me, it was the hardest business decision I have ever had to make but the factors that made me know it was the best decision are this:

- We have no guarantee of when the Stevens Center or any other venue will be allowed to host an event.
- It is an unrealistic expectation for most ages and beginner and even intermediate level dancers to effectively learn their recital dances from a video or a ZOOM class—yes advanced dancers could likely handle that task.
- I know that many families will actually want to take a vacation if the opportunity arises, so postponing the recital causes havoc in determining who will participate because we could not even supply you with a date at this point.
- Furthermore, IMDC taking the financial loss and being able to extend the offer for 2021 credit is what we have determined is the fairest option for our families.

I hope that clarifies for any one you who were concerned and questioned the decision.

I also want to thank so many of you who have reached out with constant support. It has meant so much on a daily basis to receive such encouragement. And yes, we will dance again soon!

MS Michelle