



NANCY CHIPPENDALE'S
DANCE STUDIOS

A LETTER FROM NANCY CHIPPENDALE

After 41 years of teaching, I never anticipated needing to navigate our studio's response and temporary closure due to a global pandemic. We always say "the show must go on," but WOW, was that a plot twist.

As the old adage goes, "tough times don't last, tough people do." **Tough times have truly brought out the best in our dance family.** Within seven days of closing, our directors designed a new virtual dance platform. Teaching Staff converted their classes and choreography to virtual lessons. Students and parents transformed their homes into makeshift dance studios. Faculty and Staff brought to life a virtual recital to celebrate our dancers' hard work, and dance parents jumped on board to offer endless positivity and encouragement to their dancers, myself and my team through these unprecedented times. **I feel very lucky to be surrounded by such a supportive community.**



Now is the time to look forward...**It is with great excitement that we announce the re-opening of our studios!** As we re-open with continued adherence to state and local guidelines, the safety of our students, staff and all of our dance families is, and will continue to be, our #1 priority. Under the guidance of state and local officials, our facilities were permitted to re-open, albeit at limited capacity, on or after June 6. Out of an abundance of caution, we decided to resume full operation in September for the 2020-2021 season, with a soft re-opening of each location planned for mid-summer. We felt it important to take ample time to cover all the bases for a successful 'new normal' — and I am confident we've accomplished that.

That said, **the health and safety of our dance family depends on ALL of us and cannot be compromised,** so we thank you in advance for your continued cooperation. In the coming weeks, you will receive detailed information via our 2020-2021 COVID Handbook. Our policies extend far beyond the local and state guidance for hygiene, distancing, face coverings and disinfection...because our studio community deserves the best. Our greater dance family consists of students, staff, parents, grandparents, pregnant women, infants and immunocompromised students and family members. Collectively, we must do everything in our power to protect each other and the most vulnerable among us.

It is our goal to balance the health and safety of our dance community with the physical, emotional and social wellbeing of our student population. Thank you for entrusting your children to us for their dance education and for taking the appropriate steps to protect your fellow dance families and our staff...we are truly all in this together! We will undoubtedly all dance for joy when our CHIPPS family — old and new — walks through our studio doors again soon.

To better days ahead,
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