



3/15/2020

Dear Ratio Dance families,

We are sending you all good wishes and continued good health. In light of our current environment, we have been discussing and brainstorming what is best for our families and staff. We have decided to keep dancing. You can join us virtually for eLessons. We believe that it is important to keep going and provide some constant in these uncertain times. Our studio will, however, implement the following:

- No in-person classes from 3/12-3/19
- Imagine Dance Competition – Company – 3/13-3/15 – cancelled
- 3/16-3/19 eLessons begin and will be available at the normal day/time of your classes
 - Link to eLessons <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/tjv2ybsqeikh7tn/AAAw9iAN-7kvHvKqLKRm-srra?dl=0>
 - Click on link above, click your teacher, click your class, then access items below
 - Music Folder includes dance music for your competition or Recital 3:1 music and music to use for your virtually guided eLessons
 - Video Folder includes choreography videos and virtually guided eLessons along with assignments and resources to keep dancing
 - If links do not hyperlink and take you directly to site, please copy and paste link into any web browser
- Spring Break from 3/20-3/29 – no classes, studio closed as scheduled
- Class options after 3/29 will be evaluated over Spring Break and more information will be sent by 3/29
- NexStar Fort Wayne – Company *optional* - 4/3-4/5 – TBD with more information sent by 3/29
- Starpower Indianapolis – Company – 4/17-4/19 – TBD with more information sent by 4/5



“In the end, it will be impossible to know if we overreacted or did too much, but it will be quite apparent if we under reacted or did too little.”

As we write this, please know we will keep dancing. For many of us, this is more than a place to dance; it is our community, something we treasure, and something we will continue to nurture. We know that this is a happy place for all our dancers and a constant that provides security and lessens anxiety. If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know. We will see you online.

Thank for your continued faith and trust in us.

The Ratio Dance Staff

Leah, Katie, Tessa, Heather, Natalie, Josh, Sam, Gabbie, Hannah, Nikki, Dani

For our Company dancers that missed their competition this weekend, Miss Nikki had some wise words to help you find the purpose and resilience in our work.

“The good news is that no matter if competition happens or not, you learn and are trained on a daily basis in a safe, loving environment. All the hard work is not lost, it stays with you and continues until the next opportunity to showcase your work arises. The growth and learning every day in class and rehearsal is where the real pride and work reside. The accolades, trophies and applause are amazing, but nothing can replace the work ethic, relationships and artistry that is nurtured and on display every day in the classroom. We will all have a chance to see you shine again. Now is when you need to take this extra time to be disciplined and work on the skills you’ve learned to continue to be ready for the next opportunity. No time to sit and be worried, now is the time to focus on what’s next!”

Soloists – if your teacher has the technology and time, they may reach out to you to conduct virtual private lessons via Zoom or FaceTime. Please wait for information from your instructor to schedule these lessons directly with them. eLessons will be available for all soloists in Dropbox.