

Dear Dancing For Joy Community,

We hope each of you is doing well and in good health during this global pandemic. With the surge of Covid cases in our state, and the new mandates set forth by our governor, we unfortunately can not meet for in person dance classes right now.

Our plan is to be closed this week Monday - Wednesday (Nov. 16-18) to give us time to re-setup for zoom lessons, then there will be exactly 4 weeks of online classes before Christmas Break. We will be crediting accounts for canceling classes this week M-W (and also for next week TH-F for Thanksgiving - see below for more details). ZOOM classes will begin THIS Thursday the 19th in place of our "in person" classes, and will be at the same times as our "in person" classes. We recognize that this is not ideal, however, our hands are completely tied, and the moment we are allowed to go back to "in person" classes, we will do so. We are proud of our community at DFJ, our staff, students, and families, have been doing such a stellar job with sanitization, masking up, and socially distancing in classes. Let's pray that those COVID cases go down quickly, so that we can return to "in person" classes and that most importantly people would be safe and protected from this pandemic.

Other Bullet Points -

- We will send out zoom links for all classes in the next few days.
- If you choose to drop one or more of your classes, you will risk losing the spot in that class for when we return to "in person" classes.
- We will also be allowing students to join classes that were previously full or waitlisted while we are online as we don't have the 5 person limit for online classes. When we can resume in person, then those students will go back on the waitlist unless something changes. If you want to add any classes you will be able to register online Tuesday, Nov. 17th.
- Our classes will be full length on zoom. Previously, when we were on zoom before we had a slightly shorter class and a youtube portion to learn choreography as we still believed we would have a live performance.
- However, Tiny Twirlers, Creative Movement, and Hippy Hop will only be 30 minutes instead of 45 minutes, and will be charged a discounted rate. We have found that it is very difficult to keep the 2-4yr olds attention for a 45 minute class.
- Dancing For Joy is pleased to still be presenting the NATIVITY show this December. It won't be the traditional "in person" rendition, but the story will still be told through dance and watched online to remind us of the true meaning of Christmas. The date of its release is still TBD. There is no cost for viewing - so invite everyone - we will be accepting donations to help cover the costs of production and this year's shortfalls. Blessings.
- **WE SO APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED LOVE & SUPPORT OF DFJ & THE ARTS DURING THIS UNPRECEDENTED TIME!**

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Kurt and Maluhia Vander Griend

*Credit - essentially everyone who is currently enrolled will be receiving one week worth of a credit onto their account. For the following dates: Nov. 16th, 17th, 18th, 26th & 27th. These dates represent M-F. We will then use that credit towards the 4 week zoom period - which will essentially make the next payment for the next four weeks, at the cost of 3 weeks. If you decide to drop a class before we resume online, then you would only get a partial credit depending on which day the class was on. If we don't hear from you by Wednesday, Nov. 18th then we are assuming you are continuing in your classes through our online platform, and that you intend on keeping your spot in your class(es). The 4 week zoom lessons will be at the same class rate unless otherwise described for younger classes and credits, but there will be more room available in all classes since we won't have to be limited to 5 students per class. The 4 week zoom classes will be 4 Mondays, 4 Tuesdays, 4 Wednesdays, 4 Thursdays, & 4 Fridays - between the dates of Thursday, November 19th & December 18th. This 4 week session is not charged on your account until Dec. 1st. The 4 week session for the Nov. 1st payment was originally covering classes from Oct. 26th - November 20th. We were originally going to credit for Thanksgiving Break already since we can't really do make-up classes right now in our current pandemic climate. So, by cancelling M-W of this week, plus, the Thanksgiving days of TH-F makes a one week period of credits. This was the best solution we found when we found out about our upcoming "in person" class closure. We hope this all makes sense, and we hope that you're willing to stick it out through all these unforeseen changes.