

Dear Directors, Students, Teachers, and Dance Families,

2020 has been a year that none of us expected. As I am sure you can all relate, at times it has been exceedingly difficult to deal with all the uncertainty around the current situation. As business owners, we work hard to give kids a safe learning environment under any circumstances, even when it seems impossible. And as parents, we worry about how our kids are going to be going back to school. Each day brings new questions and plans can change week to week.

It is under these conditions that Dancers Inc. has conscientiously decided to indefinitely suspend our 2020 competition season. This means we will not host any in-person live events for the rest of the calendar year. It is our priority to provide a safe and constructive learning environment for your dancers, and we feel we are unable to do so under the ever changing local and federal guidelines. Many states, including the states where we have rescheduled dates booked are delaying or rolling back provisions that directly impact our ability to host live competitive events this fall. Such provisions include the reduction of the maximum capacity of indoor commercial spaces in addition to travel restrictions and quarantine requirements for people traveling from certain states.

Additionally, and most importantly, the safety of the dancers is paramount. We will not be able to host our events as normal if local mandates preclude children from returning to normal activities as it pertains to education and sports. We understand that both parents and teachers have a lot to manage with adjusting to at-home-learning again in the fall. Many of us here at Dancers Inc. are in the same boat so we have a deep and personal understanding of the toll it can take. We think it is important to give studios the time they need to adapt to what will best serve their dancers and their families.

Looking forward, we are dedicating our resources to ensuring we can provide safe performance spaces for the 2021 season. We have several events confirmed and listed on our website. We anticipate adding more in the coming months. We are paying close attention to booking venues that will allow us to adapt to social distancing measures such as proper separation in the dressing room as well as limited contact between performers backstage. We are also paying close attention to using venues that can help ensure the proper cleaning and sanitizing of areas where spectators and participants will be present.

We want to personally thank all the studios who have kept in contact during this unprecedentedly difficult journey and look forward to a time when we can all celebrate being back together. In the meantime, take the time to focus on what is important and we will see you soon!

Yours in Dance,

Dan Barris and the Dancers Inc. Family