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Hello to our MMPAC Families,

We hope you are enjoying the last few days of summer! The staff and I are working diligently to finalize class schedules. We are so excited to be able to see our dancers back in the studio beginning September 13th. We know everyone is anxious to hear what our updated plans and policies are regarding Covid. As you can imagine, it has been weighing heavily on our brains and our hearts. There simply is no good answer. Our number one concern is for the safety of our MMPAC family. We have made the difficult decision to begin the season by requiring masks for all dancers, parents, and staff entering the building. The biggest factors in consideration are: the availability of vaccines for younger dancers and the rate of spread for all ages. We hope that the vaccine will indeed be available for younger children very soon. This will be a great relief and hopefully will then allow us to modify our policy.

As a reminder, we all wore masks last year and that allowed us to complete our dance season and return to performing. We are hoping that we will be able to allow vaccinated classes to work without masks very soon. We will continually re-evaluate the situation based on vaccination availability for children of all ages and health metrics in our area.

The [CDC has updated its guidelines](#) and the FCPS have adjusted their own policies based on the CDC's recommendations. Considering the nature of the Delta variant and the fact that many of our dancers still cannot receive the vaccine due to their age, we feel it is best for the overall safety of our MMPAC family to have everyone wear masks.

Return to Dance Policies-

1. Masks will be required for all students, staff, and parents who enter the building.
2. Since masks are required, we will not enforce distancing in classwork or instruction. Partnering will be allowed.
3. Dancers should not come to class if they are not feeling well – at all.
4. The public water fountain will remain closed. Dancers should come to class prepared with plenty of water. Water bottles will be available for purchase at the front desk.
5. Parents can enter the lobby to drop off and pick up dancers. Parents will not be allowed to wait in the lobby during class session. Less people – less gems.
6. We will NOT be taking temperatures & cleaning protocols remain

As always, we appreciate your understanding and support. Our main objective is to get our kids back to dance- safely. It will take all of us working together to make this possible.

We can do this!

Kimberly Price, MMPAC Director