

Dear Dancer's Edge Families,

Due to the recent closure of Dexter Schools, the State of Michigan shut down and following government and WHO (World Health Organization) recommendations, due to COVID-19, Dancer's Edge will be closed starting Sat. 3/14 and resume on Monday, 4/13. This is to ensure the health and safety of all our staff and students.

We currently have 17-week semesters and our semester originally was ending on 5/22 with two weeks of make-up lessons. We typically use the last week in May and the first week in June as make-up weeks. All classes will now run those weeks to make up for the missed weeks. Spring Break closure remains unchanged - 3/28-4/5. We will also have regular classes Jun 8-14. Our summer semester begins 6/15.

Schedule Summary

UPDATES

March 16-March 27 - Bonus Online Classes during closure

March 28-April 5th - Scheduled Spring Break (We will still offer online opportunities to keep students (and parents) active and engaged!

April 6-April 12 - State Mandatory Shut down - Online classes will continue

April 13th - Anticipated re-opening of classes (based on government recommendations)

May 25-June 5th - Original Make-Up Weeks - Will Run Full Regular Classes

June 6th - Dress Rehearsals

June 7th - Spring Concerts/Recitals

June 8th - June 14th - Extra week of classes (to make up for April 6-April 12)

June 15th - Summer Semester Begins

Here is our Original Dancer's Edge Calendar for your reference:

[Dancer's Edge Calendar 2019-2020](#)

Dancer's Edge Competition Teams: As of now, all Cathy Roe Competitions are scheduled as planned.

Since the government is only allowing public gatherings of less than 10 people, we will be offering online lessons and online private lessons during this time.

We will continue to do our diligence with extra cleaning procedures, policies and safety procedures.

Thank you for your patience!

Thank you to dance parent Kim K, for the following information!

Hi Dancers and Parents,

I've been asked to share some tips about how to stay healthy this competition season with all the viruses circulating in our community. I work for the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services as an epidemiologist, studying epidemics and disease outbreaks. Coronavirus has been in the news a lot lately but it is passed between people just the same way as the cold and flu viruses we see every year and can be prevented in the same ways.

1. The most important thing you can do is to WASH YOUR HANDS with soap and water FREQUENTLY. Scrub your hands with soap for 20 seconds. When should you wash your hands?

- **After dancing.** Viruses are spread in droplets that come out of your mouth and nose after you cough, sneeze or blow your nose. Where do many of those droplets go? The floor! Where do dancers stretch? The floor! Please wash your hands after dancing or use hand sanitizer if you can't wash.

- After using the bathroom

- Before eating

- Before touching your face (cold and flu viruses enter your body through your nose, mouth and eyes)

- After sneezing or blowing your nose

- When you get home after being at school, dance or out in public

2. Try to sneeze and cough into a tissue but if you can't then cough or sneeze into your upper shirt sleeve. Throw the tissue into a garbage can.

3. Avoid close contact with people who are sick. If you are coughing or sneezing, move away from the group.

4. Don't share makeup! Viruses can get on lipstick, eyeliner, mascara and other makeup items and be directly passed to other people who use these items.

5. Don't share water bottles or other drinks.

6. Stay home when you are sick.

7. Don't panic! It will all be OK. We are fortunate to live in a health-conscious community with good access to health care.

Sincerely,

Dancer's Edge Staff

Here is some information on COVID-19:

- Washtenaw County information: [washtenaw.org/covid19](https://www.washtenaw.org/covid19)
- Michigan information: www.michigan.gov/coronavirus
- United States information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19
- World Health Organization: www.who.int/coronavirus