

Dear [DXP](#) Family,

We know [DANCE EXPRESS](#) is particularly valuable for developing great dancers, but more importantly, great kids.

As such, we're fully committed to & grounded in our core values, one of which is to do whatever it takes to protect our community and show you how much we care.

That's why, until further notice, we're creating a virtual classroom format to fulfill what we've always promised, but temporarily shifting to an online, stay-at-home format, due to COVID—19.

Here's how it works:

1. All students, families, and parents are invited to join our FLIPGRID account. Individual CLASS LINKS will either be posted via TEAMAPP or for recreational classes will be EMAILED OUT.
2. Many of the classes will also have a LIVE CLASS OPTION that will happen during it's originally scheduled time. These classes will also be DOWNLOADED and added to your FLIPGRID, in case you miss it!
3. For our LIVE CLASSES, instead of coming to the studio, an EVENT via TEAMAPP will be created and an invitation to join the broadcast via ZOOM will be in the invite. ZOOM is a FREE app and works great so that our instructors can see the students and vice versa.
4. If you don't use TEAMAPP OR ZOOM, no worries—while you won't be able to tune in live, we'll record every class and upload it to your flipgrid within 24 hours.
5. And finally, please note that while our classrooms are closed, normal operations will continue. This means, if you need us, you can still get in touch with us via phone or email.

Finally, in closing—I want to encourage you by saying that we believe the conflict between what we know how to do and what we don't, is what creates growth. And while we hope this is a short-lived virus, we know that we will work through this & prevail, as a community, no matter what—stronger than ever.

Instructions for how to use your [FLIPGRID](#) (youtube explanation)

Joining a Grid

With Flipgrid, **students do not create accounts**. Educators create their Grid and then share the Flipgrid URL (e.g., [flipgrid.com/FlipCode](#)). Students are then prompted to join the Grid using their school email or a Student ID. Have students check "Remember Me" so they only need to do this once!

Recording a Video

Once in a Grid students click the green plus to record in three easy steps

1. Record a video - Students can pause, draw on a whiteboard, or add stickers!
2. Review or Edit the video - trim, rearrange clips, or add more!
3. Take a selfie - customize the image to add style!

Students can also record their own custom video (like a [Screencastify](#)) and import to Flipgrid using the button just to the right of the record icon.

Let me know if there's anything I can do personally for you over the next few days. When you get a moment, please click the link above & request to join the group.

Thanks for your continued support!

Best,

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