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## Planning for 2021

I hope that this Newsletter finds our APSD family safe and healthy. We have started preparations for the remainder of the dance year.

In January, we will start our traditional monthly format which will include our recital preparation. The session will run from January through June. We are looking into multiple options for our spring recital, which is tentatively set for June 19th. We plan to have both indoor and outdoor options in the event that we cannot perform indoors come June. The schedule for January through June and costume forms will be out in December. Please be advised that the schedule may shift some.

Costume monies will be due the first week we resume classes in January 2021. Also, please note that we will be moving to monthly automatic deductions beginning in January.

Though this holiday may look very different for many, I sincerely hope that it brings peace, joy and love. Stay well!

Sincerely,  
Amber Megna Michalik, Owner

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# COVID-19 Response Plan

APSD has developed a comprehensive COVID-19 response plan. These are temporary measures that we have put in place to keep our students and staff safe. We know things may be somewhat disconcerting to our dancers at first. Please know that our staff is committed to leading with kindness and compassion, while ensuring that our dancers are having fun! To read our full COVID-19 response plan, you can visit our website. Below are some things to keep in mind.

- Masks are required for everyone in the building at all times.
- Due to space limitations, please do not arrive more than 10 minutes early for your class. Dancers must be picked up immediately following class.
- Upon entry, dancers will be subject to temperature checks and will be asked to use hand sanitizer. If a dancer has a temperature above 99.5 degrees, they will be excused from class and will need to schedule a make-up lesson.
- Parents will not be allowed in the lobby. Until further notice, it will be drop off and pick up only. The exception will be dancers age 7 and under and Mommy and Me classes. These dancers may have one parent walk them into the studio. Precious Moments classes may have a parent stay with them for the duration of the class. When classes are finished, a manager will walk the younger dancers outside and wait under the awning.
- Instruction time may end five minutes early in order to begin disinfecting the space.
- Dancers will bring personal items and bags in the classroom and place them in a marked spot. We ask that dancers limit personal items to only those necessary to take class.
- Dancer who are in classes with floor work are asked to bring a yoga mat or towel. This includes strength and stretch, pre-pointe, jazz, hip hop, lyrical, and contemporary.
- We will be cleaning and disinfecting our facility throughout the evening.

## What's New-At a Glance

- Please be sure you have read and understand the APSD COVID-19 Response plan. This plan is available on the studio website.
- Uniforms will be required beginning January 1st.
- We will move back to our month to month tuition platform in January. We are also moving to monthly automatic deduction for tuition.

# CCA Uniforms

Beginning January 1, 2021, APSD will be enforcing the uniform policy for all Cecchetti level classes. You can find information about uniforms by clicking on the dress code page of our website.

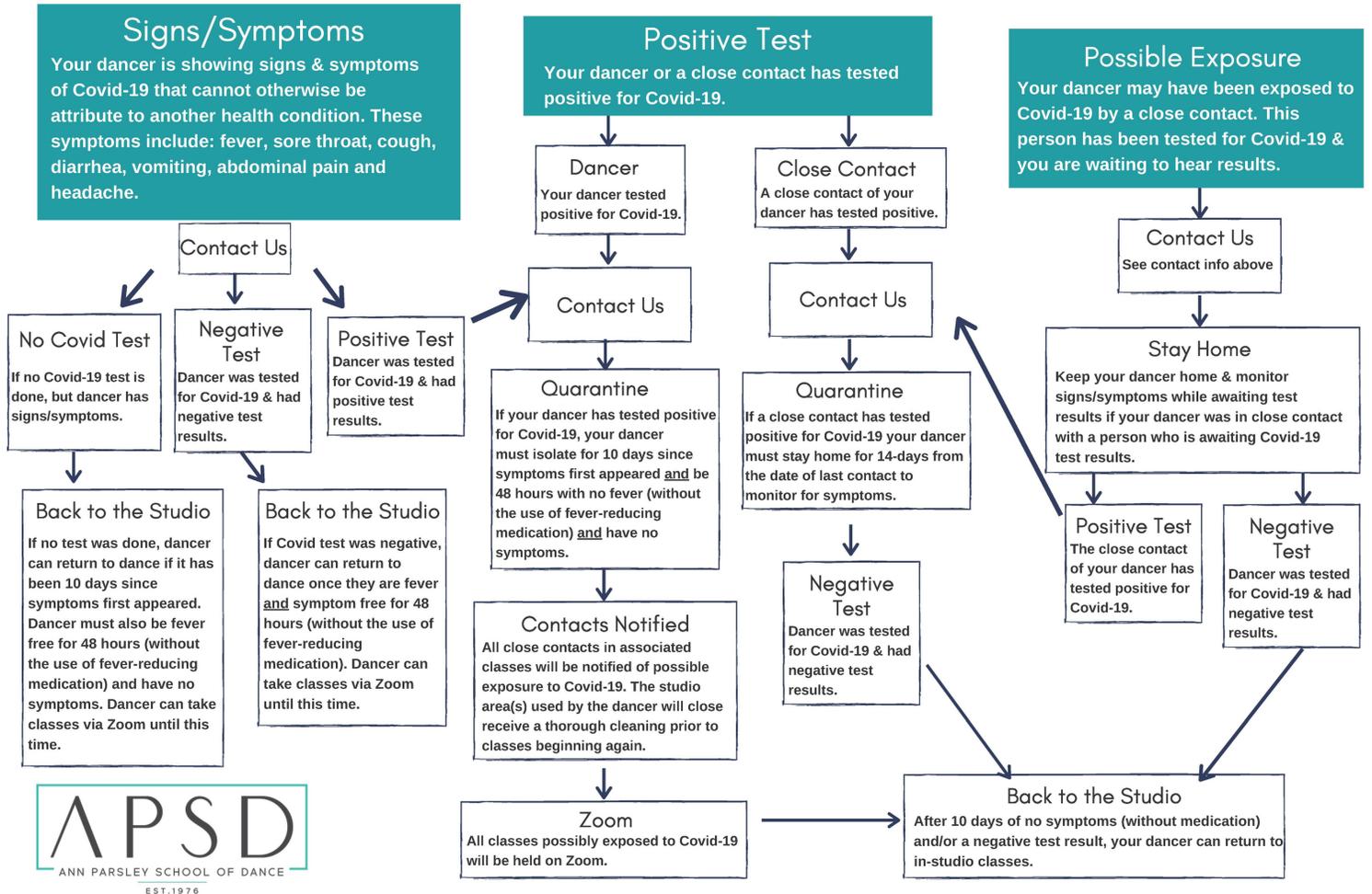
## Corps Dancewear

Cecchetti uniforms are available from Corps Dancewear. Please be sure to read the instructions on how to order using the APSD discount code prior to placing your order.

# Studio Merchandise

The APSD merchandise website will open in early November. Be sure to visit the additional items tab of the site, as this is where most of the merchandise is located. Studio clothing make for great Christmas gifts!

# APSD Studio Covid-19 Protocol



## Dates to Remember (subject to change)

November 4-December 19	Session 2
December 20-January 3	Christmas Break
January 4	Classes Resume
April 2- 10	Spring Break
May 10-14	Studio Pictures
May 31	No Class, Memorial Day
June 14	Last Day of Classes
June 15-16	Studio Rehearsals
June 17	Dress Rehearsal
June 19	Recital
Classes do not have a mid-winter break	



## The Nutcracker Reimagined

Celebrate the spirit of the holiday season with the Macomb Ballet Company, as Artistic Director Amber Megna Michalik, and Assistant Directors Sarah Komara and Mary Sherman reimagine the traditional holiday favorite, The Nutcracker.

Excerpts of this revered classic will be filmed inside the charming and elegant Royal Park Hotel. Travel with Clara on a magical adventure to a land reined by a Snow Queen, and be led by Snowflakes, through an enchanted forest to a Kingdom of Sweets, filled with colorful characters and pure festive delight. The Nutcracker will captivate audiences, both young and old, and is sure to keep hearts warm and spirited all season long!

Video will be available for digital download in December of 2020.

The Nutcracker Reimagined is made possible by the Royal Park Hotel

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