Dear Power Of Dance Families and Staff,

Since the beginning of the pandemic, we have sought out guidance from the CDC and the Brown County Health Department as to best practices for the studio. Since we are also a school, we have looked to HSSD for additional guidance on what is best for a "school setting" and adapted those practices to our studio situation.

If your child attends a HSSD school, you may have seen the notice sent out yesterday afternoon of a new provision that allows students and staff in grades K-12 who are close contacts with a COVID-19 positive individual at school to remain at school and avoid quarantine provided they have no COVID-19 related symptoms. This is great news, however, what is just as important to us is the data that was used to make this decision.

If interested in that data, please click here

https://www.hssdschools.org/community/covid19/communications

Therefore, we are also updating our COVID policy at this time. We will be following closely to the HSSD recommendations with one exception.

- If your child is a close contact with a COVID-19 positive individual at school, the studio, or the community, he/she does NOT need to quarantine as long as they have no COVID-19 related symptoms. \*\*We do ask that he/she wear a mask at the studio (in the classroom as well as the hallway) for 7 days after exposure and continue to monitor for onset of any symptoms. No mask is needed if you received a negative test result after day 5 or if you are vaccinnated.
- If your child is exposed and develops COVID related symptoms, please stay home and follow current COVID quarantine policies.
- If your child is a close contact AT HOME (meaning a COVID positive individual lives IN THE HOUSE with your child, please follow regular COVID quarantine guidelines).
- If your child is sick keep her home and get her tested. OR follow current quarantine guidelines.

## \*\*Current guarantine guidelines are posted on our website (linked here)

We will update our current policies on our website ASAP to make it easier to understand. <u>Here is a link to the HSSD Exposure Policy.</u>

Bottom Line – students who are presently under quarantine restrictions based on close contact - and remain symptom free - are able to come back to the studio (regardless of vaccination status). If you are within 7 days of exposure, please wear a mask (unless you have received a negative test result after day 5 or are vaccinated). However, students and staff who are presently under quarantine restrictions based on close contact to a COVID-19 positive individual at home or are sick must complete the remainder of their current quarantine.