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Hello Everyone.

As you may have guessed we have been flooded with emails and phone calls with concerns over the Coronavirus and if Hollywood Vibe Seattle will be going on as planned.

We apologize for not being able to get back to everyone. We have heard many concerns from different perspectives and have been closely monitoring government health advisories, school districts, the news, as well as articles from parents/teachers that have been sent to us.

This is a complicated matter and postponing or cancelling an event is not an easy thing to do. Being Studio Owners and dance teachers we are sure you can relate that postponing or canceling your Recital is extremely hard.

To give you an update we have been in close contact with the hotel. Because the Hotel is still open and airport is still in operation, they are running business as usual. They will not let us cancel the event so easily.

We understand that some schools are closed while some are still open. Some schools, businesses are closing to do deep cleanings. Some major events have canceled but they are much larger events that draw a much wider crowd than Hollywood Vibe

The Governor and Public Health Officials have been encouraging to avoid large crowds/events if possible. If unavoidable, then take the appropriate pre-cautions such as hand washing, avoid touching your eyes, nose, mouth, etc. I am sure you all are aware of the precautions to take.

From KingCounty.gov,

The recommendations are:

*People at Higher Risk of severe illness should stay home and away from large groups. People at higher risk include:

- People 60 and older
- People with underlying health conditions, weakened immune systems, pregnant
- *Working from Home- if possible
- *Public Health is not recommending Closing Schools at this time
- *People should not go out when sick

*If you can't avoid bringing large groups of people together:

- Urge anyone who is sick to not attend.
- Encourage those who are at higher risk for coronavirus to not attend.
- Encourage attendees to maintain good healthy habits, such as frequent hand washing.
- Clean surfaces with standard cleaners.

News yesterday was that the Governors office was looking into make some Mandatory decisions but have not done so yet.

With all of this taken into consideration, we have decided to put on our event in Seattle. Attendance at this particular event is NOT overcrowded like other conventions you may have attended.

We do encourage anyone that is sick or elderly to avoid the event. We are planning to live stream competition so those can watch from home or in their hotel room.

We completely understand that opinions may vary with our decision. We are simply doing our best to navigate thru this all.

If you have dancers that do not want to attend, we can cancel them and offer a credit back to the studio.

If you have routines that may be affected by dancers not attending, we can view them for adjudication or critiques. We will also take that into consideration for competition.

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All of our faculty and staff are very much up to date on the situation and we have taken precautions with our equipment as well as ourselves. We were just in Burlingame, CA, (San Francisco Bay area) where Dancers, Teachers and Parents were very happy that we continued with our event and did not cancel. There were only a handful of dancers that did not attend. The mood was very positive and dancers were very happy. We do realize that this area is different from Seattle.

In the event that the Hotel does close or we can not longer fly in- then we will have no choice but to cancel the event. But for now, we are continuing on.

We know that your dancers have been working very hard to get ready for this and We very much look forward to dancing with them this upcoming weekend!

Thank you so much for your understanding.
Please also see below for the Hilton Seattle's formal statement.

Sincerely,
Christopher & Anne Smith
Hollywood Vibe National Directors

We understand your concern about your upcoming event planned at Hilton Seattle Airport & Conference Center. Hilton is committed to working with you to ensure the execution of a successful event. The wellbeing of Hilton's guests and Team Members is our top priority, and we remain diligent in our commitment to provide a safe, hospitable environment for all who visit the Hilton.

Our hotel takes all forms of infectious disease seriously. We are closely monitoring updates on novel coronavirus (COVID-19) from the World Health Organization and U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and responding based on the best advice of medical professionals and public health authorities. We are aware that the Mayor of Seattle has declared a state of emergency in order to obtain funding for the city organizing medical resources and potential responses and helping states and local jurisdictions to access state and federal funding to finance its preparations. Travel to our area has not been restricted, airlines and airports are still functioning, and hotels are still open for business.

We encourage you to share the below recommendations from the CDC with your attendees to prevent the spread of respiratory illness:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Please continue to reference the WHO and CDC for the latest guidance on the novel coronavirus.

We look forward to welcoming you to Hilton Seattle Airport. Please do not hesitate to reach out with additional questions.