

# Shuffles NYC

## ***2020-2021 Fall Semester Update***

Dear SHUFFLES Families,

We are looking forward to the Fall 2020 semester at SHUFFLES, and we want to provide an update on our operating procedures to ensure the health and safety of our students and faculty. We will be following the most up to date recommended CDC, New York State and New York City guidelines.

As we develop our plans it is important to note guidelines will continue to evolve at SHUFFLES and Studio Maestro. Our mission statement... *to strive for professionalism balanced with large amounts of fun! SHUFFLES students should leave every day, and every year with joy and confidence...* will be upheld, while keeping everyone safe and healthy!

### **Below is a list of likely protocols we can anticipate in the Fall:**

-While in class and on the premises at Studio Maestro, everyone is required to wear a mask.

-The studio facilities will be cleaned nightly and deep-cleaned/sanitized weekly, and will have new state recommended HEPA air filtration systems installed on the premises. There will be allotted extra time between classes for wiping down high-touch surfaces.

-There will be stations in the lobby and in each studio with wipes and hand sanitizer. Students will be expected to sanitize their hands when they enter and exit the studio. We will no longer be handing out candy after class.

-Before entering the building, everyone will have their temperature taken. If you feel sick, please stay home. Please arrive 10 minutes before the start of your class to complete your health check and to ensure classes can still begin on time.

-The lobby will not be open to the public. Parents can drop off and pick up students at the 68th Street door. Younger students will be escorted by SHUFFLES staff to meet their caregiver.

-Start times for classes will be staggered to avoid congestion in the lobby and during check-in.

-Dressing rooms will not be open; please arrive for your SHUFFLES classes already dressed in uniform. Bathrooms will be open to one person at a time.

-Capacity in each studio will be restricted to avoid crowding and specific dancing locations will be marked on the floor to adhere to social distancing guidelines. If your class size exceeds the new recommended physical capacity guidelines, you may be asked to rotate weekly between the studio and the online class format. More information will follow as we approach the beginning of the semester.

-We continue to monitor the situation on current best practices for in-person singing. MP3 recordings for Musical Theater classes will be distributed for vocalizing and at-home practicing. Musical Theater classes in the Fall will have an emphasis on acting skills, scene work, and theater dance choreography.

**-All classes will be offered both in the studio and online.**

-Private voice lessons will remain online. Private dance lessons may be scheduled in the studio or online.

At any point, we may need to switch to a fully online schedule.

We look forward to seeing our SHUFFLES community soon! We would appreciate you taking the time to complete a brief survey based on the information above.

[Fill out the Enrollment Check-in Survey](#)

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
Gail P. Crutchfield  
Founder and Executive Artistic Director