

# Shuffles NYC

## **2020-2021 Fall Semester Update: 9/28/2020**

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 are cleaned nightly and deep-cleaned/sanitized weekly.
- The studio facilities installed new state recommended HEPA air filtration systems along with classroom skylights with built-in fans to boost outside air flow.
- There are stations at the top of the stairs, 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.

-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.

-Drinking fountains will remain closed. Please bring a full water bottle with a straw to class.

-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.

- Any/All singing must be done while wearing a mask as well as a face shield.

**-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!

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Gail P. Crutchfield

Founder and Executive Artistic Director

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## ***2020-2021 Fall Semester Update: 8/10/2020***

Dear SHUFFLES Families,

We began this year with a soft launch to ensure the safety of all students and staff and so that everyone could settle into academic routines and schedules.

Following Mayor DeBlasio's announcement that public schools will delay in-person learning and return students to their classrooms in phases, SHUFFLES plans to push back our in-person opening for two weeks and begin our hybrid model on Monday, October 19th. These two weeks will allow us time to monitor the situation before welcoming classes back to Studio Maestro.

We will release a comprehensive set of protocols on October 1st. We continue to offer in-person, socially-distant private dance lessons for groups of up to three students throughout the fall, following the previously sent guidelines. Please reach out to our Studio Operations Manager, Tatum Grace Ludlam, at [studiomanager@shufflesnyc.com](mailto:studiomanager@shufflesnyc.com) if you are interested in signing up for in-person private lessons for you or with your Pod. Private lessons will also still be available outdoors (weather permitting) and on Zoom!

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Have a wonderful rest of your summer,

Gail P. Crutchfield  
Founder & Executive Artistic Director