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Students & Parents,

The recent news about the coronavirus (COVID-19) reminds us that our ongoing passion for the arts and health also inspires our commitment to ensuring the sustained physical, social and artistic well-being of WSD students and our community. Please be assured that student and faculty health and safety is our top priority and we will be taking the advice of the Provincial Ministry of Health and York Region Public Health.

In recognition of guidelines from these government entities, we are reinforcing the following healthy practices that make sense for the general flu season and particularly during the potential emergence of COVID-19:

- get a yearly influenza vaccination, available from clinics and pharmacies (for flu only);
- cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze, please use a tissue and wash your hands;
- if you don't have a tissue, sneeze or cough into your sleeve or arm;
- wash your hands frequently and thoroughly with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer. The recommendation is to wash for 20 seconds (the Happy Birthday song twice through);
- if you, your child or your family members are ill, please stay home;
- symptoms can range from mild to severe and last anywhere from 2-14 days. Visit a healthcare provider immediately if you experience symptoms such as fever, cough, and shortness of breath;
- if you have traveled or had prolonged contact with someone who has traveled to an affected area, please wait the recommended 14 days before coming in;

In addition, we have asked our faculty to ensure that class activities take these guidelines into account. We also have cleaning practices and operating procedures that promote a safe and sanitary environment.

To review or find up to date information, please visit www.york.ca/coronavirus, www.ontario.ca/coronavirus, www.canada.ca/coronavirus, [Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health](#), or [FAQ from York Region Public Health](#).

We look forward to continuing to foster programming that promotes the arts and wellbeing within a safe, healthy and supportive community.

Wishing you all continued great dancing!