



Tap Happy Coronavirus Update  
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Dear Current Tap Happy Enrollees,

What a strange week this has been. I want each of you and your loved ones to remain safe and healthy during this crazy public health crisis. I also want you to meet your goals of enjoying tap dance and feeling a sense of community! This message will tell you how we will manage both while we cooperate with 'flattening the curve' and we navigate the uncertainties with due caution, common sense and optimism.

Week #1 of cancelled tap lessons has ended, but it is unclear when we will be able to resume our in-person classes together at the studio.

What this means for Tap Happy is that, until we get the "all clear" signal from our local, state, and national leaders, Tap Happy classes will not be meeting physically. Optimistically, we might resume classes in April, but we should anticipate that our required hiatus may be longer. I will continue to keep a close eye on developments and regulations, and will follow up with at least weekly updates for you here.

However, Tap Happy is not abandoning you! Movement and dancing help to keep your immune system strong, so Tap Happy is here to help you keep up your tap dancing at home! We are switching from physical meetings to online classes, at least for now.

Here is the plan:

- For every currently enrolled student, I will make the Tap Happy Video Supplement for your class level available to you at no cost.
  - I do need your signed agreement, which you can find here: [https://app.mainstreetsites.com/dmn3685/category/4352/TAP\\_HAPPY\\_VIDEO\\_SUPPLEMENT](https://app.mainstreetsites.com/dmn3685/category/4352/TAP_HAPPY_VIDEO_SUPPLEMENT) If you have a Tap Buddy, I need one from each of you.
  - Once you've emailed your signed agreement as an attachment to [TapHappy@dancepath.com](mailto:TapHappy@dancepath.com), I will email you the video links and password to your THVS course. (If you prefer to send via USPS, let me know and I'll give you the address.)
  - For Intermediate and TapAerobics classes, a package of videos will be created for each class.
  - The links will become responsive to the password in the taught sequence, at about the date I would have been giving that lesson live, so you can take your class at home at your usual time, plus practice with the videos whenever you wish.
- Additionally, I will post new videos on the Tap Happy Facebook page, or otherwise make videos available to you, that will help to keep you moving and help you to keep up your tap dancing chops!
- For those who already purchased the Spring Term THVS, we will create an equitable solution for you.
- Assuming that we are able to safely resume our lessons in person together again, we can extend our Spring Term lessons into May in lieu of the annual Merry Month of May Master Classes. We'll see how the timing works out. In a best-case scenario, we will be able to make up all the missed lessons during the month of May. (But there is a real chance this will not be possible.)
- Finally, for cancelled lessons that are not replaced in May, I will extend the time that you may use your Spring Term class card as a make-up card, at least through the Fall Term 2020, and will waive the usual requirement to enroll again in order to use the make-up card. Hopefully, this will allow everyone the time needed to get the full value from this investment in life, joy, and health!
- Please know that if you have no floor for tap dancing at home, practicing in your socks or appropriate shoes will work in the meantime! But I will also post lots of ideas for your own tap dance floor at home.

As I send the weekly updates, if we find that making up these lessons in person is not workable, I will offer additional solutions. Meanwhile, I look forward to finding your signed THVS Agreements in the Inbox, and helping you to get started on your home tap dancing!

With joy and hope,

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