

## **Letter from TMC overall**

***Sunday, March 15th, 2020***

The Miracle Center is committed to protecting the health and safety of its employees/staff, students, parents, artists, as well as the community and patrons who enter our building for various events, rehearsals and performances. As an organization, we are staying informed about the situation and status of Coronavirus (COVID-19) and monitoring its development in Chicago. We are following the advice & recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention, the Chicago Department of Public Health, Governor J.B. Pritzker and Mayor Lori Lightfoot. A restriction of all public and private gatherings of more than 250, especially with audiences of older or vulnerable populations, by requesting these gatherings be suspended for a minimum of 30 days and potentially until May 1. In accordance with the [CDC guidelines](#) for large events & mass gathering, it is recommended that for the **next 8 weeks**, organizers (whether groups or individuals) cancel or postpone in-person events that consist of 50 people or more throughout the United States.

***At this time, The Miracle Center (TMC) will PAUSE ALL programming, events, rehearsals & productions until further notice, due to the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak.***

We continue to strongly urge everyone to take precautions to protect your health and safety such as:

- Frequently washing hands for at *least* 20 seconds
- Avoid touching your face with unwashed hands
- Covering your nose and mouths when sneezing or coughing
- Avoid close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptom
- Lastly practice social distancing - one key concept to reduce the spread

If you have any further questions, please contact:

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**We realize these are uncertain times for all of us, let's take it one day at a day, the media can get overwhelming.**

**In the meantime, while quarantined, take this time to reset your health, body, mind, spend time with your family members who reside at home with you, be kind to yourself (self-care), and check on your elders (over the phone or FaceTime, remember those over 60 are a vulnerable population).**

Choose kindness,

**Vanessa Torres**

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