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Subject: Covid Guidelines

To whom it may concern, I am the Owner and Studio Director of Ballare Studio Dance in Ancaster, ON. We provide dance training and education for children ages 1.5 years and up in a safe, positive and friendly environment. We have followed all necessary guidelines and have met the intense restrictions in order to stay open during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Government has wisely chosen to keep schools open for children. There is no doubt that children are safer in schools than out in the community. The same can also be said for their after-school activities. Children attend these activities in cohorts much like in their schools and are in controlled environments that have greater restrictions and safety protocols than public schools. Parents trust the providers of these activities to keep their children safe. Families do not travel or leave municipalities to attend their extra-curricular activities. There is no concern for travel from hot spots to other Regions in the Province, as these children are crossing the street to attend a dance class or hockey practice with their classmates. These environments are safer and better controlled than hanging out at each other's homes, and these activities have not been a source of transmission. Parents recognize the benefits for their child's physical, mental, emotional, and social well-being while attending these activities. We ask that the Province ensure children can attend their respective activities with restrictions no greater than the current Red – Control measures. This is necessary for the betterment of the children, their families, and these businesses.

Sincerely,
Christine Campbell
Owner/Director
Ballare Studio Dance