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Dear Slam Students, Parents, Teachers, and Community,

I, along with the Slam Academy staff, want to take a brief moment to address the ongoing issue of the COVID-19 outbreak and what plans Slam Academy has in place to help keep us all safe during this strange time.

Slam Academy is committed to keeping our studios open and classes running for as long as possible. We are closely monitoring recommendations from the CDC and MDH as well as other schools in our area and beyond. At this point, we have no immediate plans to close or alter classes due to the outbreak (Our Career Fair, planned for later this month, has been postponed to the fall).

If we find that we do need to alter classes, Slam Academy is well-equipped to convert all classes to online classes. We feel strongly that these class experiences will be just as fulfilling as our in-person classes, and will offer each student the same amount of content, class time, and instructor feedback as regular classes. **We are implementing this as an option for students immediately.** Anyone who is feeling sick can contact your instructor for instructions on how to attend class virtually.

We are not aware of any student who has come in contact with the virus, and therefore we remain confident that Slam Academy's facilities are virus-free. All staff have been instructed to keep hand sanitizer stocked in all studio rooms, and to wipe down all equipment every four hours, in addition to the full studio cleanings that happen every night.

Rest assured that we are keeping a close eye on the situation, and we believe our vast experience with online education serves as a terrific "plan B" should it come to that.

If you have any questions about our outbreak planning, please do not hesitate to contact me directly. If you want to take advantage of the online option for classes, please contact your instructor.

Stay safe and healthy –

Dr. J. Anthony Allen, Slam Academy CEO