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The dance field has joined the broader arts and nonprofit sectors in speaking up out of concern for their workforce in the wake of COVID-19 closures and concert cancellations. The U.S. House of Representatives has passed a bipartisan COVID-19 relief package that includes the following:

- Mandated emergency paid leave for employees for qualified sick leave, family and medical leave, and to care for a child whose school has closed;
- Refundable payroll tax credits for required emergency paid leave provided by employers with fewer than 500 employees (nonprofits are eligible for relief);
- Refundable individual tax credits for leave taken by self-employed workers for qualified sick leave, caring for a family member, or caring for a child whose school has closed;
- Emergency funding to states for unemployment compensation;
- Additional provisions related to nutrition assistance and cost-free COVID testing provisions for the uninsured.

This [reader-friendly summary](#) outlines more details about these provisions, and the fine print is in the [full bill text](#).

Federal agencies will be required to swiftly issue guidance and regulations detailing plans for implementation, eligibility, exemptions, and record-keeping. The paid leave provisions will apply to leave taken beginning within 15 days of the bill being signed into law, starting on a date still to be identified by the U.S. Department of the Treasury. The Senate has taken up the bill and the White House has signaled support.

Dance/USA is providing a more detailed analysis of these provisions as additional information becomes available.

Thanks to everyone for your continued advocacy! Further relief packages are being created. Dance/NYC, together with Dance/USA, urges the dance community to continue [communicating with Congress](#).

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