Dance/NYC understands the key role data has in ensuring dance workers and companies are advocated for and that their needs are served at this time. Since launching our Coronavirus Impact Survey, we have been analyzing data on a weekly basis with our current research consultant, Carrie Blake at Webb Mgmt. These data analyses include the current and potential impacts of the virus on individual dance artists as well as dance organizations, groups and projects in the dance field at large.

Dance/NYC appreciates the deleterious financial impact that the COVID-19 coronavirus may have on the dance community, in particular organizations and artists dependent on in-person gatherings, classes, and performances as sources of earned income, as well as artists and cultural workers without readily available access to healthcare and wage protections. We also recognize that African, Latina/o/x, Asian, Arab, and Native American (ALAANA), immigrant and disabled artists may face additional challenges accessing necessary resources at this time.

Our current findings indicate that many freelance dance artists are struggling to cover basic living expenses such as groceries and housing in light of the lost income due to COVID-19. The crisis is causing an immediate shift in the size and makeup of the dance workforce that could have sustained, significant implications on the field. Additionally, our findings shed light on how artists across other arts disciplines are also being impacted by the virus and represent shared resources needed during and beyond this crisis.

For live updates on the findings of the Coronavirus Impact Survey, as well as the stories of those impacted by COVID-19 coronavirus and the social restriction measures implemented to contain the disease visit our live data overview here:

VIEW DATA FINDINGS FOR INDEPENDENT DANCE WORKERS
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In order for Dance/NYC to better understand and advocate for dance organizations and individuals in the metropolitan New York City dance community, Dance/NYC has developed the Coronavirus Impact Survey.

Our initial survey is now closed. After our August recess, we will release a second impact survey to assess the ongoing impact of COVID-19 on the dance community. Stay tuned for more information in September.

We value your input and will use it to create public awareness and guide policy, resources, and program development for dance makers and organizations based in the metropolitan New York City area.