

SWOSDA Dances Covid Safety Plan Revised December 1, 2021

Note: In addition to this plan, which is intended to meet or exceed current **government and regional health unit regulations** for “high-risk settings” (i.e. “food or drink establishments with dance facilities such as night clubs and wedding receptions in meeting/event spaces where there is dancing”), **dances must comply with all rental hall requirements.**

Communication of Current Plan

- (a) to be posted to SWOSDA web site, with a link from SWOSDA dance posters
- (b) to be posted at dance entrance and in the hall
- (c) updated versions to be sent to club contacts

Screening:

- (a) Proof of full vaccination (receipt or passport) and government photo ID (**at least through 2022**)*
- (b) Current Ontario screening questions (posted at entry)
- (c) Suitable, properly worn mask

Controlling the risk of transmission at dances:

- (a) Administrative Controls:
 - (i) Ensure government hall capacity limits for dancing are adhered to (currently 25% of fire rated capacity)
 - (ii) Participants to sanitize hands at check in table before checking in and paying, and after (Provide sanitizer station(s))
 - (iii) Keep a list of all present with contact numbers (for at least one month)
 - (iv) Ensure current government social distancing and **separation requirements are met** (using a combination of line spacing indicators, chair (pairs) spacing, host monitoring, and reminder announcements), **except when dancing** (currently 2m between individuals not from the same household)
 - (v) **No refreshments will be provided. Dancers are to bring their own refreshments.**
 - (vi) Dancers are recommended to keep the same seating throughout the dance
 - (vii) **Proper face coverings to be worn at all times (including when dancing)** except while consuming refreshments while seated
 - (viii) **Hands to be sanitized immediately prior to and after each tip (No Gloves).** Provide ready access to sanitizer stations.
 - (ix) **Callers/Cuers to be on same level and 2m or > away from dancers;** to use their own microphones & cords (**no sharing of microphones**); to sanitize hands at start and end of each set; to sanitize any shared plugs, amp knobs, record player arms, etc. between users; **to remove masks only while calling/cueing sets or announcing.**
 - (x) Frequently clean any surfaces subject to frequent touching such as the check-in table
- (b) Engineering Controls
 - (i) Maximize hall ventilation, but **avoid cross drafts**
 - (ii) If ceiling fans are used, they should rotate clockwise to provide an updraft.
 - (iii) Minimize surfaces needing to be touched (e.g. prop doors open wherever possible)

In case of a potential or suspected exposure to COVID 19 at a dance event, contact the event hall's local health unit for directions

Review and revision of the plan:

- (a) SWOSDA executive will review each dance event for opportunities to improve the plan
- (b) SWOSDA executive will regularly monitor government health directives and guidelines and update the plan to ensure that **it meets or exceeds government requirements.**

*This date exceeds the current March government date for potential removal of vaccination requirements for the following reasons: dancing is a COVID high risk activity; most of our dancers are seniors and thereby at greater risk of serious complications from COVID; unvaccinated individuals have a greater risk of contracting COVID and pose a greater viral transmission risk for break-through infections among the vaccinated.