

CHICAGOLAND WEST DANCERS
Chicagoland West English Country Dancers/ Chicagoland West International Folk Dancing
HEALTH POLICY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND LIABILITY WAIVER
MAY 11, 2023

Our goal is to keep our community as safe as possible while including as many participants as we reasonably can. Given the low COVID-19 Community Levels and Community Transmission Levels reported as of May 2023 by the CDC for local Chicago-area counties, therefore, Chicagoland West Dancers, both ECD and international, have updated our requirements.

HEALTH POLICY

A. VACCINATIONS AND TESTS

Participants in our in-person indoor events must now use one of the following two methods to demonstrate their unlikeliness to be contagious:

Method 1

-- have, and provide proof of, up-to-date COVID-19 vaccination status, as defined by the CDC on May 11, 2023 -- i.e., "You are up to date when you get 1 updated [bivalent] Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine." A Novavax booster may also be acceptable, if the other boosters are not an option.

Proof of this vaccination status must be provided in one of the two following ways.

EITHER:

-- the participant will provide vaccine documentation in advance of an event, by emailing a photo or scan of vaccination card to chicagolandecd@gmail.com, once for each updated booster,

OR:

-- the participant will provide vaccine documentation at the door, upon arrival at the event.

Method 2

-- provide proof of a negative antigen test taken within six hours of the event.

B. MASKS

The wearing of well-fitting, multi-layer masks (e.g. N95 type) during indoor activities except when actively eating and drinking is still encouraged, but no longer required **EXCEPT if requested by another masked participant in your proximity, as noted in the required waiver below.**

ASSUMPTION OF RISK; LIABILITY WAIVER

All potential participants must agree to all of the following statements, as a condition of participating in any of our in-person indoor events:

- I acknowledge that participating in English country dancing subjects me to the risk of physical illness or injury (minimal, serious, or catastrophic), that I am assuming this risk, and that I will not hold the event organizers or venue responsible or liable for any illness or injury I incur.
- In particular, with respect to the COVID-19 situation, I acknowledge that COVID-19 and its variants are highly infectious viruses that can result in serious illness and possibly death. I acknowledge that it is spread through person-to-person contact, primarily through the air, and that the risk of the virus is greater indoors than outdoors. I also acknowledge that social dancing and couple dancing may not allow for recommended social distancing. Thus, I acknowledge the risk of contracting COVID-19 through participation, and I voluntarily assume that risk.
- I agree not to attend an event if I am experiencing symptoms of illness, suspecting recent exposure to COVID-19, or have tested positive for COVID-19 within the previous 7 days.
- I agree to wear a mask if requested to because of apparent symptoms.
- I agree to put on a mask out of consideration for others who may be at higher risk, regardless of symptoms, when in close proximity to masked participants who request it.
- I agree to notify the organizers at chicagolandecd@gmail.com immediately if I test positive for COVID-19, so that other participants who may have been exposed can be informed.
- I attest that I will not attend any in-person indoor events unless I have provided **either** valid proof of up-to-date vaccination status **or** proof of a negative COVID-19 test taken within six hours of the event.
- I agree to the requirements above, and I agree to comply with additional measures aimed at reducing the risk of transmission of illness, which measures may need to be adopted by the dance organizers, by event venues, or by any controlling governmental entity at any time.