

Midwest Scottish Weekend and Milwaukee Scottish Country Dancers

Policy Statement In-Person Dance Events and Waiver of Liability

Having considered the input of participants, and to assure their well-being and peace of mind, the Midwest Scottish Weekend Committee and the Milwaukee Scottish Country Dancers (the "Organizers") have defined the following policy to ensure reasonable care of all participants during in-person dance events (in particular the upcoming Halloween workshop and dance, October 30, 2021).

Safety Protocols

- Proof of full COVID-19 vaccination, as defined in guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC"), is required to participate (through documentation described below).
- If needed, organizers will set capacity limits on the total number of attendees in advance of the event.
- Masks which cover the nose and mouth are expected to be worn for indoor venues except when eating or drinking.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided. Its use, or frequent handwashing, is recommended.

Policy Acknowledgement

All participants are required to sign and acknowledge understanding this policy before they are invited to register to participate. All registrants, including dancers, teachers, musicians, and non-dancers, must provide their phone numbers and email addresses in the event contact tracing is necessary.

Even when precautionary measures are taken, participating in Scottish Country dance - which necessarily requires rigorous physical activity and close contact with other persons - involves risk of serious physical injury and/or exposure to serious communicable disease, including COVID-19. When choosing to attend Scottish country dance events, participants acknowledge and accept that risk and waive any and all claims against the Organizers pertaining to COVID-19 exposure.

Criteria for Admittance

All in-person attendees (including dancers, teachers, musicians, and spectators) must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. A person is considered fully vaccinated against COVID-19 (a) two weeks after their second dose in a two-dose series (as with the Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna vaccines) or (b) two weeks after a single-dose vaccine (as with Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine). Vaccination status will be checked at entry (if proof was not sent in advance) and access will be allowed only to those whose status has been verified. The Organizers will record only that your vaccination status was checked and will not collect copies of any records.

Each attendee will be required to show evidence of their fully-vaccinated status to enter the dance hall.

Sufficient documentation includes:

- Your CDC or local health department COVID-19 vaccination card (physical card, paper copy, or a photo on your phone).
- A vaccine record from your doctor or your state immunization record.

Participants Who Experience Illness

Participants agree not to come to the event if they have symptoms of a communicable illness within the ten days prior to it. Symptoms include, but are not limited to, sore throat, fever, chills, fatigue, headache, cough, labored breathing or difficulty breathing, new loss of taste or smell, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, body aches, or congestion. In addition, participants must agree not to attend if they have been in close contact with anyone who has experienced symptoms or tested positive for COVID-19.

If experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, participants should get tested. If a positive result occurs and the participant or the local health department determines that exposure to other class attendees may have occurred, the participant must notify the Organizers.

This policy will be in effect beginning October, 2021, until amended by the Organizers and shall remain in effect unless they decide that it shall no longer be operative.

Thank you for your cooperation!