

Discussion Items to Re-Start Club Square Dances

When your club anticipates starting dancing again, here are some things you should think about:

- Clubs should monitor and follow state and local regulations and guidance regarding social gatherings.
- Is your facility available, and willing to clean & disinfect for your dances?
- Weigh the risk of safety verses the desire to dance again.
- Can your caller hold a Zoom dance?
- Can you configure your hall to accommodate the number of people allowed in a room?
- Will you require masks at all times? (Maybe not between tips if keeping social distancing.)
- Will you require gloves to be worn during dancing?
- Could your dance be held outside?
- Consider the cost of your hall, caller & cuer vs. your expected attendance revenue.
- Use a survey to see how many club members are willing to attend.
- Is your club incorporated? (Protect your members' assets.)
- Does your club have USDA Insurance? (It will handle any virus-related claim/lawsuit.)
- How will you feel if someone becomes ill after attending one of your dances?
- Plan to require all dancers leaving their contact information on the sign-in sheet.
- Consider putting a waiver statement on your sign-in sheet such as:
 - *“By signing below, you are acknowledging that you are attending this dance at this time and date listed herein of your own free will, and that you waive your right to involve this facility, club or dancers in any legal action involving COVID-19.”*
- How will you handle water & refreshments:
 - Dancers bring their own water & snacks; club can have bottled water (for sale?).
 - Club provides water; dancers bring wrapped single serve refreshments.
 - Club provides a server to disburse all refreshments.
- How will you handle dance fees to minimize money handling:
 - Treasurer wears gloves. Sanitize pen after each use.
 - Treasurer has enough change, and all dancer cash goes into a receptacle.
 - Accept only credit/debit cards using a dancer-use machine or phone reader.
 - Ask members to send monthly check for x number of dances; treasurer keeps track.
- Announcements made by caller or have a club owned microphone. (Announcements on a board?)
- Assign extra jobs for server(s), sanitizing (before, during, after).
- Do not forget regular jobs: greeting, fee collecting, announcements, set-up, closing, publicity.
- How will you promote your dances to get dancers to attend?
 - Let them know your rules for admission (what you have done for their safety).
 - Let them know what will be expected of them: Mask, contact info, water, snack, pen (Stay home if sick or have fever.)
- Should your club invest in a temporal or no-touch thermometer and check everyone?
- Confirm the availability of your hall, caller & cuer.
- Have plenty of hand sanitizer available.

This is a list of questions/suggestions from a number of dance leaders, assembled by Jim and Judy Taylor.
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