



TO THE DFO COMMUNITY – Current Coronavirus Policies

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We are a close-knit group of caring and giving people, and our events are an important part of our lives. However, we are entering extraordinary times. Some of our dances and scheduled events may have to be modified or cancelled. Decisions about canceling will be based on the recommendations of local health officials, which are changing quickly as this epidemic spreads. The DFO's policies will reflect these changes.

Please note that the same amazing volunteers who plan and run DFO events are also thoughtfully keeping track of developments and communicating as a group to plan for any changes needed.

You can help us deal with this issue. At present we ask:

- 1) We will be following local health departments recommendations, which are likely to change without much notice. Before leaving for any DFO event, please check its status. We will be updating the [calendar page](#) on our website and using Facebook groups and stories to announce any changes. (Cancellations will *not* be posted on the main DFO Facebook page.) If you are on an email list for an event, check your email.
- 2) Some members of our community are more vulnerable than others. For everyone's protection, please refrain from attending our events if you:
 - Have any flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough or difficulty breathing;
 - Have returned from travel in the last three weeks (especially to an area with local transmission), or live in an area with **sustained local transmissions** (not just a travel ban or warning); or
 - Have had close physical contact with a person currently under investigation for COVID-19, or who is a confirmed case of COVID-19

If you are healthy and do attend a dance or music event, **please wash, wash, wash your hands**. The best way is with soap and water. Second is an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol content. Avoid touching your face and other people's faces.

For more information, here is a link to "[Dance in the time of Corona](#)," an informative article that addresses many aspects of the issues we're currently facing, including how people respond in different ways to crises.

To quote the Country Dance and Song Society (CDSS-a national organization):

"Our dance, song, and music traditions will not go away if we have to hit the pause button for a while. They have made it through population migrations, world wars, and the rise of digital entertainment. Dancing and singing together will continue with gusto after the initial virus has run its course. Be kind and understanding with the dancers, singers, callers, musicians and organizers around you."

The DanceFlurry Organization Board and DFO Event Organizers will continue to work through these difficult times to provide you with safe, high-quality events. If we do have to cancel a favorite event of yours, just remember that "absence makes the heart grow fonder," and we will celebrate a resumption of our normal schedule on the other side of this epidemic! We welcome your comments and suggestions. Please contact us at president@danceflurry.org or info@danceflurry.org. The [groups on DanceFlurry's Facebook page](#) can also serve as a forum for discussion within our community.