

Covid Protocols

for Tri-City FolkDancers (updated November 2022)

Tri-City FolkDancers (Schenectady, NY) resumed dancing outdoors during Covid in August, 2020. We were outdoors and had many safety protocols. With vaccines and more data, we continually check in with members and modify our protocols. To date, we know of no one who has been infected with the Covid virus as a result of attending any of our dances.

The following protocols apply to ALL people attending Tri-City FolkDancers events, whether or not they are dancing:

1. All attendees are required proof of vaccination and up-to-date boosters. You need only do this once for current status. Please be prepared to show your current vaccination card (or photo) to Barb MacLean if you have not yet done so. We will begin another check for the new bivalent booster beginning December 2022.
2. All attendees must wear a mask the entire time they are in the room. Brief periods of unmasking are allowed for drinking water, getting a breath of fresh air facing an open window or eating snacks (which are rare, because we prefer dancing!). We encourage, but don't dictate a mask that can block small particles, such as the N-95 types or one with a filter. Cloth-only, gaiters and bandanas are much less effective.
3. Please sign in to the folk dance at the back table in the room (in addition to signing in and out of the Y at the front desk). We need this information for insurance purposes, and for COVID contact tracing.
4. Do not come to a dance if you are not feeling well, have a fever or any contagious symptoms, suspect you might have been exposed to someone with COVID, have recently tested positive for COVID or were in close contact with someone who recently tested positive. We cannot stress this enough.
5. If you develop COVID within one week after a dance and believe you might have been contagious, please email macleanbarb@aol.com to let me know. We will respect your privacy but we will send out a notice to that week's attendees, letting them know that they may have been exposed at the dance.
6. After having contracted COVID, you may return after 10 days have passed since your onset of symptoms. You must also test negative, and not be experiencing fever or any contagious symptoms.
7. All participants acknowledge and accept the health risks of attending a participatory dance program, and recognize that your attendance indicates your understanding and acceptance of this policy in its entirety.
8. The YWCA, at various times, has COVID protocols that differ from our own. We must follow theirs, and as a private event, we may have more restrictive rules, which our core group has discussed and agreed upon.

Please read our "Tri-City FolkDancers General Guidelines" for other protocols not related to COVID.

Questions? Want to be added to or deleted from our email list?

Contact Barb or Bob at: 518-452-1154

Or email Barb at macleanbarb@aol.com

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