

It's almost time to dance

The following recommendations are presented to you for your consideration. We (The Florida Callers Association) are not a legal or medical source. These suggestions are strictly meant as food for thought for you when your hall becomes available for dancing and your club decides it is safe to resume dancing. Please follow all state and local regulations as the minimum to make sure it is ok for you to dance again. Clubs are also encouraged to refer to Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and World Health Organization (WHO) guidance concerning how to reopen and operate safely. For example see the latest CDC Guidance for Communities, Schools, Workplaces, and Events.

The following suggestions are recommended by the Florida Callers Association Board of Directors for implementation prior to clubs opening up for dances. Each club and dance may need to make adjustments for their area. Your club or dance should do what is best for your dancers to insure a good and safe time.

Again these are suggestions and we hope you will follow what is best for your dance.

If you do not feel well please stay home and try to limit your contact with other people.

1. Sign in sheets with a block to check saying the dancer feels well. Also a place for each dancers phone number so the club can reach dancers in case someone comes down with something following the dance.
2. Clubs should have available cotton type work gloves for all dancers to wear all evening. The plastic / latex gloves get very hot. Dancers may bring their own of course. Someone at the dance needs to collect them at end of dance, take home, wash and bring back next week. If your club can afford to buy each member their own pair that is fine. You may also tell each dancer to bring their own gloves and save the club the cost of purchasing and or washing the gloves.
3. Masks are highly recommended (or required) for all people dancing and socializing. Hand sanitizers need to be available and used as well as washing of hands on a regular basis.
4. Refreshments need to be curtailed for a time or if desired, the individually wrapped types of chips or snack cakes. Bring your own drink.
5. Keep a safe distance between people when socializing. As much as we enjoy each other and have missed each other, please refrain from any unnecessary touching.
6. If you begin to feel sick after being at a dance, even a few days later, please notify the president of the club you danced with immediately. If it is a caller run dance, please notify the caller. This allows us to notify others to monitor themselves.

We are all interested in staying healthy and keeping others healthy. Please follow these guidelines to protect each other for as long as needed.

We hope this information comes in handy when your club starts dancing again. The Board of Directors of the Florida Caller's Association and our members look forward to seeing all dancing again shortly.

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