

Keep Dancing Post-Covid Lock Down Risk Assessments and General Evaluation

Now that the Government has removed many of the generic Covid-19 restrictions that were in place, we feel able to re-start our dance programme.

We recognise, however, that although many of the restrictions have gone away, Covid hasn't. And even though we know that all of our dance community are mature, intelligent and responsible people, we would urge you to continue to be aware of the risks and be careful in all that you do.

What follows, is a basic Risk Assessment overview and our suggested protocols for Keep Dancing only. It does not and cannot cover external and internal hazards that are inherent within the buildings that we use, and the outside spaces that lead into them, as these are completely outside our control.

It is our hope that these guidelines will help us all to manage and minimize the risks that could still be out there.

(1) General Sanitation

We, your Committee, will ensure that all tables and chairs and frequently touched surfaces such as door handles are wiped clean before the doors open.

(2) Personal Hygiene

All of our members will be expected to use the hand sanitiser on arrival. If visiting the toilets, conventional cleaning facilities as well as hand sanitiser are available. If you move away from the table you are using and come into hand contact with other common surfaces or other tables, we would recommend your use of your own personal anti-viral hand wash (if you have it) or the hand sanitiser at the Hall's entry point.

(3) Car Park and Foyer

Even if the weather is inclement, please try where possible – if necessary even by remaining in your car until the queue clears – to avoid congestion at “pinch points” in the entrances to the Halls.

(4) Ventilation

Where practical and when the weather permits, we will try to improve the ventilation in the Halls. We may leave doors ajar and open windows when we can, and as a consequence the rooms that we use may be a little cooler than usual.

(5) Covid Specifics

In line with the Covid-secure notices that the Halls have in place, we would ask that any of our members who believe they have Covid symptoms such as high

temperature, loss of taste or smell, persistent cough etc. not to attend our dances. In addition, we should expect that, even if you have the all-clear from your Covid self-test kit, that if you have any respiratory-related issues – such as cough, sneezing, winter flu, or common cold – then in these circumstances too, you will want to stay at home.

(6) Maximum Numbers

We will try to keep numbers at a level that will facilitate some degree of social distancing and thereby enable our members to feel less concerned about congestion and overcrowding, and to enjoy their evening. Initially, we have settled on a maximum of 40 per dance. This will be under continual review and is intended to work alongside other measures such as having two of each dance, with perhaps 50% of dancers only on the dance floor for each. It's very much trial and error so we would ask for your patience, understanding and support in this.

(7) Electrical Equipment

All electrical equipment will be subject to a Portable Appliance Test (PAT) to comply with the IET regulations.

(8) Health and Safety

We will maintain an Accident Record Log for any such incidents. A Keep Dancing First Aid Kit and person or persons qualified in First Aid are usually available at every dance.

(9) Fire Exit and Emergency Evacuation

As a matter of course the emergency exits and procedure to be followed will be outlined at the commencement of each evening.

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