

Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, Northern Virginia Branch



Policy on Branch Sponsored In-Person Dance Events¹

Having considered the input of the membership, and to assure the well-being and peace of mind of participants, the Board of the Northern Virginia Branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society (the "Branch") has defined the following policy to ensure reasonable care of all participants during branch-sponsored in-person dance events.

Safety Protocols

- Proof of [full COVID-19 vaccination](#), as defined in guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC"), is required to participate (through documentation described below).
- The Board will set capacity limits on the total number of attendees in advance of each event.
- The Branch will provide a ventilated location for dancing.
- Masks are optional and participants should bring their own mask if they choose to wear one.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided. Its use, or frequent handwashing, is recommended.
- The Branch will follow applicable CDC, state, and local guidelines. Should changes in guidelines require an update to these protocols, they will be so amended.

Policy Acknowledgement

All participants are required to sign and acknowledge understanding this policy before they are invited to register to participate. All registrants, including dancers, teachers, musicians, and non-dancers, must provide their phone numbers and email addresses in the event contact tracing is necessary.

Even when precautionary measures are taken, participating in Scottish Country dance – which necessarily requires rigorous physical activity and close contact with other persons – involves risk of serious physical injury and/or exposure to serious communicable disease, including COVID-19. When choosing to attend RSCDS NOVA events, participants acknowledge and accept that risk.

Criteria for Admittance

All in-person attendees (including dancers, teachers, musicians, Zoom technicians, and spectators) must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. A person is considered fully vaccinated against COVID-19 (a) two weeks after their second dose in a two-dose series (as with the Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna vaccines) or (b) two weeks after a single-dose vaccine (as with Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine). Vaccination status will be checked at entry and access will be allowed ONLY to those whose status has been verified. The Branch will record only that your vaccination status was checked and will not collect copies of any records.

Each attendee will be required to show evidence of their fully-vaccinated status to enter the dance hall. Sufficient documentation includes:

- Your CDC or local health department COVID-19 vaccination card (physical card, paper copy, or a photo on your phone).
- A vaccine record from your doctor or your state immunization record.

Participants Who Experience Illness

Participants agree not to come to an event if they have symptoms of a communicable illness within ten days prior to the event. Symptoms include, but are not limited to, sore throat, fever, cough, labored breathing or difficulty breathing, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, body aches, or congestion. In addition, participants must

¹ This policy applies to dancing events sponsored by NOVA RSCDS. Social events where social distancing is possible may follow different guidelines. These will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

agree not to attend if they have been in close contact with anyone who has experienced symptoms or tested positive for COVID-19.

If experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, participants should get tested. If a positive result occurs and the participant or the local health department determines that exposure to other RSCDS NOVA attendee(s) may have occurred, the participant must notify the Branch Chair. The Branch Chair will coordinate to share attendance information as needed with the local Health Department.

Virtual Option

We will broadcast our class via Zoom throughout 2021 to maintain continuity and an ability to participate for those not dancing with us in person.

Duration

This policy will be in effect beginning July 1, 2021, unless amended by the NOVA RSCDS Board. It will remain in effect unless and until the Board decides that it shall no longer be operative.