

Dear Dancers,

This is a joint email from George & Pamela and Bill & Carol concerning the upcoming dance season in Mesa. We have been hard at work researching the best actions to take to keep all of us as safe as possible, while still allowing us to get back to our beloved activity! Currently we are planning to start the season on October 31<sup>st</sup> with a joint Phase 3/4/5 Dance at Leisure World, Rec Center #2. All normally scheduled sessions would then continue throughout the rest of the season. You can refer to the attached Mesa Brochure for specifics. George & I will have our specific calendar posted on our website, as well as the evening dance programs as they are completed.

Here are our specific protocols **and their rationales** for this season:

- 1) **Vaccinations required – no exceptions.** We will maintain a roster of folks for whom we have personally checked vaccine cards.
- 2) No masks required for dancing, but of course anyone who wishes may always wear them.
- 3) Temps will be checked with a no touch forehead reading thermometer & anyone with a temp over 100.4 (CDC guidelines) will not be admitted.
- 4) No snacks will be served at evening dances unless individually wrapped. Please bring your own drink for each session.
- 5) Please do not attend any session if you feel sick in any way. If you do find out you are positive for Covid, please notify us immediately so we can let everyone know & decide if further action is required.
- 6) Washing hands & using Hand Sanitizer, when washing is impossible, is one of the most highly suggested deterrents for catching any virus, so please make use of the products distributed around the hall frequently.
- 7) We encourage social distancing as much as possible – both when dancing & when sitting out around the room. We won't move the chairs around though – we trust you to take care of yourselves & others in this regard.
- 8) To provide additional safety to all residents at the venues where we work, please wear your masks between your vehicle and the venue and vice versa.
- 9) To provide additional safety to those taking temperatures at the door and those sitting at the check-in desk, please wear a mask as you enter the hall and stand in line at check-in. Providing exact change will speed the process of check-in and would be greatly appreciated. (All Goss/Hurd dance sessions will be \$10/couple).

#### **Rationales:**

- We heard from several people that they would not attend classes if we did not have a vaccine requirement.
- We also heard from some people that they would not attend class if there was a vaccination requirement.
- We noticed over the summer the number of events that were canceled when there was a mask mandate and the number of individuals who canceled when an event was held with a mask mandate.
- We felt the above protocols are the safest for most people.

Please send a scanned copy of your CDC vaccine card in advance of your attendance at your first session to both [billgossjr@gmail.com](mailto:billgossjr@gmail.com) and [pam@gphurd.com](mailto:pam@gphurd.com) This will facilitate check in at the sessions. If you don't feel comfortable doing that, you are welcome to just show them at the door. **Also, if you feel more comfortable, you can black-out your birthday on the vaccination card.**

Please help us disseminate this information to everyone that is considering attendance at any of our sessions this season – the last thing we would want would be for someone to have to be turned away at the door!!!!

We are anticipating an exciting & educational season in Mesa & we really look forward to dancing with everyone soon!!!!