

WE'RE DANCING – OCTOBER 19, 2021

Yes, it's true! Meri Squares will hold its first Club dance on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

But things will be a bit different. Currently we are only allowed 25 people in the hall. That means 23 Club members plus the callers.

How will this work? Anyone interested in dancing under the rules set out below is asked to send an email to our Membership Coordinator, Colleen McEwan at colleenfmcewan@gmail.com by **12:00 pm (noon) on Friday, October 15**. The names of everyone who responds will be put in a draw and names will be drawn randomly (partners can put their names in together). The first 23 names drawn will be attending on October 19. If this works, we will consider another dance on November 2. Two weeks gives us all a chance to check our health, make adjustments and see if we really want to keep doing this.

Anyone not drawn for the first dance will have priority for the second dance if they wish to be considered. You will receive an email on October 16 informing you if you are dancing or not on October 19.

We will be contacting those members not on email to ask if they wish their names included for the October 19 dance and dances moving forward.

We ask that anyone who submits their name be prepared to attend the dance. We will have **JUST** enough people for 3 squares. If someone does not show on Tuesday night, a whole square will have to sit out! So please, if you are interested, block off October 19 now, wait to hear and show up! **HOWEVER, if you are feeling unwell in any way – sniffles, headache, cough, allergies – please do not come!** Let Colleen or me know as soon as possible and we will find a substitute. Please do not share your cold with other dancers – there will be another chance to dance.

Here are the rules:

1. You must be fully vaccinated and 14 days after your last vaccination.
2. You must show written proof of your vaccination. No QR codes will be accepted as the Club does not have the technology to read them. So, either a printed version of your vaccinated receipt or a copy on your phone.
3. You must sign in and the fee will be \$10 per person.
4. You will be asked to sign a statement that you understand that interacting with other people when it is not possible to socially distance carries a health risk but you are accepting that risk.
5. Masks must be worn on entering the building and until you are inside the hall. They may be removed when seated and social distancing is followed. Masks **MUST** be worn while dancing. If regulations change, we will let you know.
6. Hand sanitizing: You must sanitize or wash your hands on entering the building. You must sanitize your hands before entering the square and at the end of each tip.
7. You are asked to help wipe down all chairs at the end of the dance. The Club will be providing cleaning wipes.

8. Please bring your own beverage as we will not be providing refreshments.
9. You must enter by the door off the BACK parking lot NOT the main front door.
10. Only the washroom on the hall level will be available for use. You must wipe down surfaces you touched before leaving the washroom. Volunteer Club members will wipe all main surfaces before and after the dance.

That is a lot of rules! We know! But we also need to ensure that all dancers stay safe and that, as a Club, we do everything we can to prevent any possible spread of COVID 19 within our community.

Wendy and John will start slowly and easily with the calling. But you will be surprised how quickly it all comes back. For the first dance, all dancers (Basic, Mainstream, Plus) are welcome. We will provide dance opportunities for everyone. We are also not keeping the same squares for each tip.

So, check your calendars and your comfort levels and then let Colleen know if you want to dance.

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