

# More Resources in the Time of COVID-19

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Even though we can't gather together in person right now, there are lots of things we can do during this pandemic. This fall is a great time to dig into CDSS's wide range of community resources! Whether you're a caller, musician, singer, dancer, or organizer, or all of the above, you'll find things here to support your work.

- **WEB CHATS** provide live learning opportunities for organizers, including guest speakers, Q&A, breakout sessions, and open discussions. Our last Web Chat, "Let's Talk About Reentry," connected 450 participants from across North American and beyond! To explore video recordings and other materials from all previous Web Chats, visit [cdss.org/web-chats](https://cdss.org/web-chats).
- **SHARED WEIGHT** is a collection of email discussion groups where you can chat with other singers, callers, dance musicians, and organizers. Read some recent discussion topics on page 30 and join the conversations at [sharedweight.net](https://sharedweight.net).
- **THE CDSS RESOURCE PORTAL** houses both CDSS-created resources and key resources from other creators. The Resource Portal collects a wide range of sources in one place to provide easy access to useful information for organizers, callers, singers, dance musicians, ritual dancers, and more. Find more about some recent additions to the Portal on page 30 and explore the Portal yourself at [cdss.org/portal](https://cdss.org/portal). Dig in!
- **GRANTS**. Do you need funding for an event or project to boost your community? CDSS Grants are currently

available for a variety of purposes, now including funding for equity and anti-racism training. During the pandemic, we're accepting applications on a rolling basis. Find out more at [cdss.org/grants](https://cdss.org/grants).

- **1:1 SUPPORT**. Want to talk with someone about a particular aspect of your community? CDSS staff are available to listen to your experiences, offer logistical advice, and/or refer you to resources that address the unique needs of your community. Email [resources@cdss.org](mailto:resources@cdss.org) to schedule an appointment.
- **THE CDSS ONLINE LIBRARY** is a fantastic collection of free resources, including dance instructions for callers, music for musicians, databases for research, material for morris dancers, videos, and more! Explore the library at [cdss.org/library](https://cdss.org/library).
- **THE COVID-19 SECTION** of our website is a collection of pandemic-specific resources, including emergency funding sources, ideas for hosting online events, listings of cancelled events, our directory of gigging artists, and more. Find all COVID resources at [cdss.org/covid19](https://cdss.org/covid19).
- **THE ONLINE EVENTS CALENDAR** typically lists in-person music and dance events across North America. Right now, it features online events—sometimes as many as 10 in a day! See all the events coming up at [cdss.org/online-events](https://cdss.org/online-events).
- **SHOP TALK** is a quarterly email newsletter for organizers. Sign up at [cdss.org/shop-talk](https://cdss.org/shop-talk).
- **THE CDSS NEWS** is our quarterly magazine, featuring news from CDSS staff, writing from folks in our communities, new dances, songs, puzzles, and more. Check out back issues in the article archives at [cdss.org/news](https://cdss.org/news).
- **AFFILIATE RESOURCES**. CDSS Affiliates are eligible for insurance and 501(c)(3) status and also receive discounts on News ads and store materials. Check out all the benefits at [cdss.org/affiliate](https://cdss.org/affiliate).

We'd love to hear from you about any challenges your community encounters during this time. Your input will help us continue to create new resources throughout this journey. Feel free to email us at [resources@cdss.org](mailto:resources@cdss.org).