



Web Chat | February 28, 2022

# Let's Talk about Reentry: Prioritizing Safety at In-Person Events

*An online discussion for dance organizers*

Welcome!



Photo provided by Sherry Nevins.

# Web Chat Format

- 8:00 Welcome and Logistics (Katy German and Sarah Pilzer)
- 8:05 Opening Thoughts (Katy German)
- 8:10 Panel Discussion (Sherry Nevins, Eric Schedler, Janine Smith)
- 8:50 Q&A submit questions via chat bar
- 9:25 Resources and follow-up (Katy German)
- 9:30 Farewell

# Tech Tips

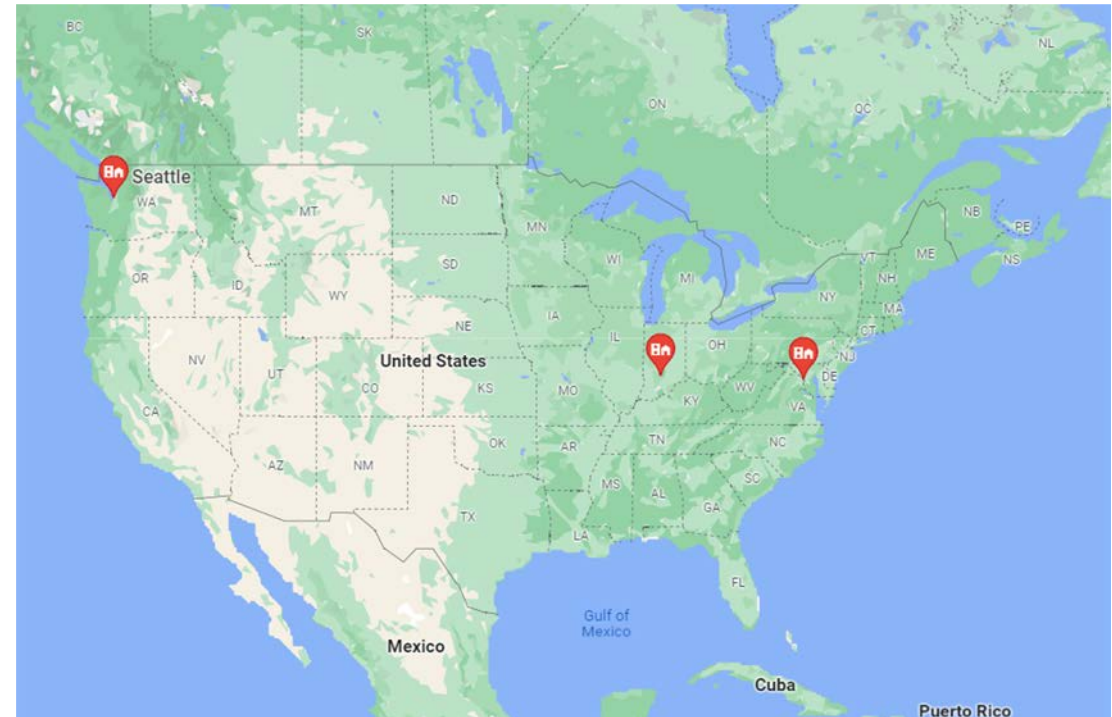
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- The chat function is currently set to be delivered only to CDSS hosts. If you're having technical difficulties, please send a direct message to **Crispin Youngberg or Sarah Pilzer**, and they will assist as best they can.

# Opening Thoughts

- This discussion is not not meant to represent all the possible decisions organizers could make in the face of the pandemic.
- The panelists are from urban areas and may not be dealing with the challenges that small town and rural organizers face
- CDSS cannot provide you with the formula for determining the right time to return to events. That will depend on many factors.
- What CDSS *can* do is share with you the experiences of groups that are trying things and being very careful. *Stay tuned after the Q&A to find out how!*
- It's hard when we are not all on the same page, but it's not hopeless.
- If you are thinking about starting up again, CDSS recommends taking extra steps to reduce risk of transmission.

# Today's Guests

- Sherry Nevins - Lake City Contra in Seattle
- Eric Schedler - Bloomington Old Time Music and Dance Group in Bloomington
- Janine Smith - Glen Echo "Take Hands Four, Please!" independent Contra in collaboration with Jamie Platt (Dancing Planet) in the DC Metropolitan area





# What key factors determined your decision to reopen?

- Feeling “Zoom fatigue”
- Decline in online event attendance
- To Engage local/regional callers and musicians
- To Engage dancers!
- Community discussions prior to starting
  - built consensus towards restarting
  - informed the “how”
  - prepared people for coming back to dancing



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# What indicators or data are you following to inform your decisions?

Data/Information	Sherry	Eric	Janine
County Data via CDC or County Public Health Website	X	X	X
Conversation with Public Health Professional	X		X
Local Vaccination Rates	X		X
Local Mask Compliance	X		
% positivity and cases per 100,000 per week	X	X	X
Local Hospital Info			X

What  
adjustments  
did you  
make to your  
“normal”  
procedures?

Adjustment	Sherry	Eric	Janine
Increased Communications with participants	x	x	x
Vaccination	x	x	x
Boosters	x	x	x
Registration form with contact info	x		x
Membership Required to Attend		x	
Recorded acknowledgement of Rules	x	x	
Increased check-in procedures	x	x	x
Hand sanitizer	x	x	x
Masks required	x	x	x
Masking standards	x	x	x
Free masks	x	x	x
Open all doors and windows	x		
Change location for better airflow		x	x
No food		x	x
Individually wrapped snacks only	x		
BYO water			x
Shorten event	x	x	
Limit Capacity/Attendance			x
Split Evening among callers/musicians		x	x



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# The Bumper Car Pavilion in Glen Echo

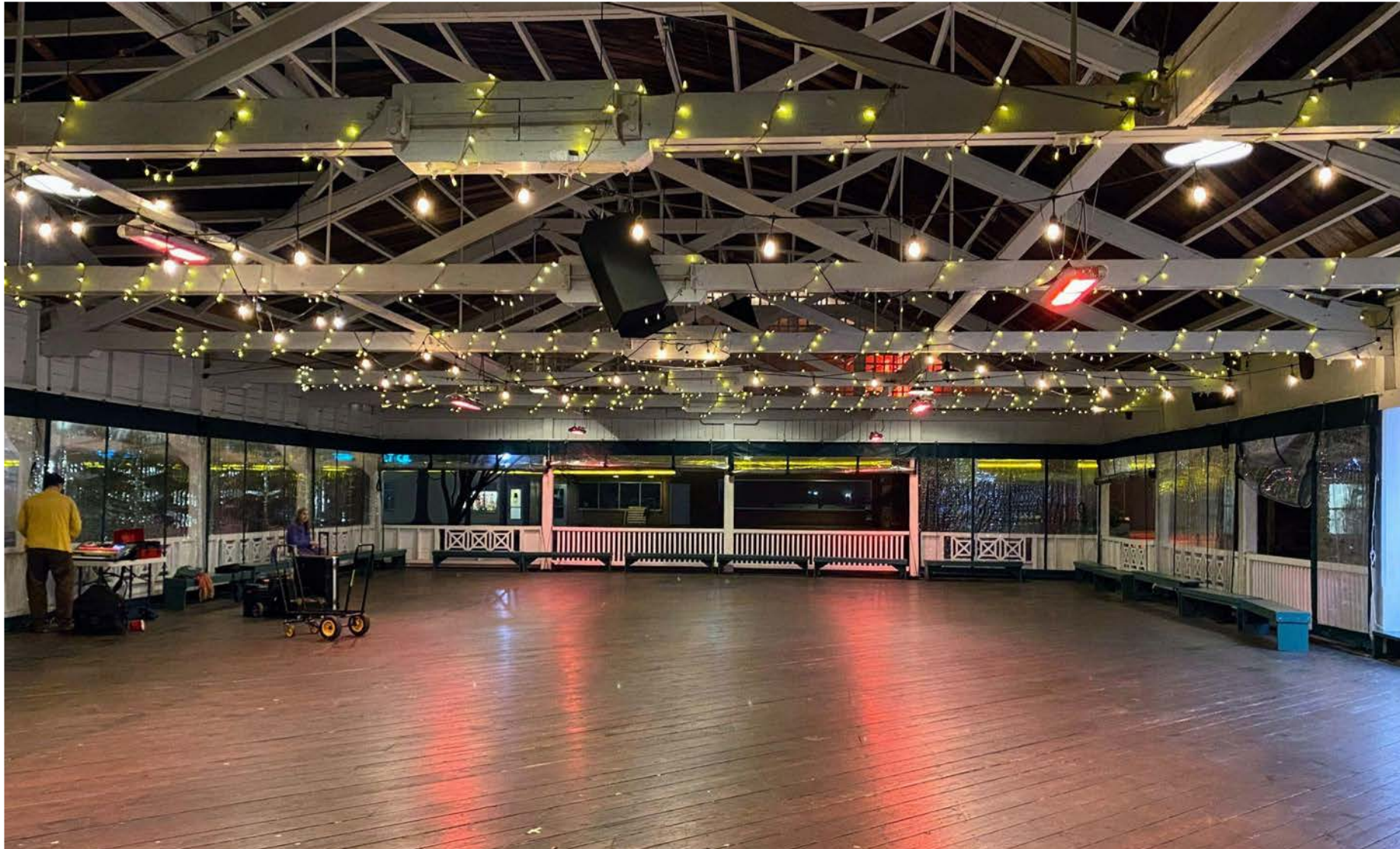


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# What post-event participant follow up are you doing?

The screenshot shows an email follow-up form titled "Take Hands Four, Please! Follow-up". It includes a "Questions" tab, a "Responses" count of 199, and a "Settings" tab. The main text of the email reads: "Dearest Dancers! You did it! THANKS for coming out to dance in the Bumper Car Pavilion on Thursday night! Despite the chilly temperatures, you made it a FUN and JOY-filled evening of dancing and warm re-connections. I'm writing with some important health information. If you experience ANY of the symptoms listed below, please get a Covid PCR test as soon as possible and let me know immediately if you test POSITIVE. You can let me know by simply replying to this email." A list of symptoms follows: Fever or chills, Cough, Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, Fatigue, Muscle or body aches, Headache, New loss of taste or smell, Sore throat, Congestion or runny nose, Nausea or vomiting, and Diarrhea. Below the list, it says "And as promised, I'm including a dance survey, please take a moment to appreciate knowing your thoughts about Thursday night." The survey has two questions: "How was your experience with Eventbrite?" with options "Easy" and "Difficult/problematic", and "How did you find the check-in process?" with options "Easy", "Difficult/time-consuming", and "Add option or add 'Other'". There is also a "Long answer text" field at the bottom.

- General Follow Up Email to all Attendees with instructions on when and how to report symptoms or positive test
- Online Survey
- Notification of symptoms or positive results, with recommendations for testing

Dear Dancer,

We wanted to make you aware that some of our dancers had a PCR test (the gold standard) and found out they had a positive rapid test for covid-19 since the dance on Thursday. They had a PCR test but those results aren't back yet. The dancer was symptomatic, so there's a good chance that the positive rapid test is accurate. This means that you have possibly been exposed to Covid-19.

Since you're vaccinated and boosted, we were dancing outside, and we were all wearing high-quality masks, the chances of you becoming infected are low. However, we are making the following recommendations, to keep our dance community as healthy as possible.

If you have any symptoms, please get a PCR test immediately and let us know if you have a positive result. If you don't have symptoms, we advise getting tested sometime between Tuesday (March 1) and Thursday (March 3), just to make sure you are not asymptotically infected. In addition to getting tested, please wear a mask until Sunday (10 days post-exposure) in indoor public places (grocery store, etc), and if you're around people who are immunocompromised or have underlying health conditions.

Thank you for your cooperation. We've done our best to make this dance as risk-free as possible, but as we all know, there's always a risk of infection, even with the highest level of precautions. We are all hoping that no one else has a positive test.



Have any participants reported post-event positive results? If so, what did you do?



<https://www.memesmonkey.com/topic/oh+no>

Is there another event on the horizon for you, and are you going to adjust anything or try something new?



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# Q&A

Continue to keep your video and mic muted unless asked to speak.

Type your questions into the chat. Our Web Chat guests will answer selected questions.





# Help us all learn from each other! Take the CDSS In-Person Events Survey



A gathering of information from organizers who are resuming their in-person events

<https://cdss.org/resources/resource-portal/covid-19/inperson>

A screenshot of a web application showing survey results for four dance groups. The interface includes a filter bar at the top with 'Filtered by Is contact info collected?' and a search icon. Each group's entry is displayed in a card format with various fields.

Wildrose English Country D...	Vancouver ECD Group	Mystic Contra Dance	Monterey Country Dance C...
TYPE OF EVENT Series	TYPE OF EVENT Series	TYPE OF EVENT Series	TYPE OF EVENT Series
DATE SERIES/EVENT RESUMED IN-PERSON 6/2/2021	DATE SERIES/EVENT RESUMED IN-PERSON 11/14/2021	DATE SERIES/EVENT RESUMED IN-PERSON 7/24/2021	DATE SERIES/EVENT RESUMED IN-PERSON 10/16/2021
GROUP EMAIL/WEBSITE/FACEBOOK <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/...">https://www.facebook.com/groups/...</a>	GROUP EMAIL/WEBSITE/FACEBOOK Facebook page shared with local co...	GROUP EMAIL/WEBSITE/FACEBOOK Facebook: The Mystic Contra Dance,...	GROUP EMAIL/WEBSITE/FACEBOOK <a href="http://montereycontradance.org/ind...">http://montereycontradance.org/ind...</a>
TYPE OF GROUP Dance Music	TYPE OF GROUP Dance	TYPE OF GROUP Dance	TYPE OF GROUP Dance
CITY, STATE/PROVINCE Ames, Iowa	CITY, STATE/PROVINCE Vancouver, BC	CITY, STATE/PROVINCE Groton, CT	CITY, STATE/PROVINCE Monterey, CA
SIZE OF GROUP 8-20 people	SIZE OF GROUP 8-20 people	SIZE OF GROUP 40-60 people	SIZE OF GROUP 40-60 people
ARE VACCINES REQUIRED? ✓	ARE VACCINES REQUIRED? ✓	ARE VACCINES REQUIRED? ✓	ARE VACCINES REQUIRED? ✓

**And remember the Community Events Calendar!** [cdss.org/events](https://cdss.org/events)

A crowd-sourced list of in-person and online events for and from dance, music, and song communities. Submit your event!

In-Person  
Event Survey

An \*new\*  
interactive  
Resource from  
CDSS

# Coming Soon Online

Sunday, March 13

2:00 p.m. ET

(11:00 a.m. PT)

## **Portland Roadhouse**

### **Independent Film Festival**

*An online festival featuring five films that explore traditional music and dance in America*

[portlandroadhouse.org](http://portlandroadhouse.org)



Monday, March 21

7:30 p.m. ET

(4:30 p.m. PT)

## **Common Time**

Laying Down the Rhythm:

A Conversation with Contra Piano Greats



CDSS Podcasts:

New Episodes In March!

[podcasts.cdss.org](http://podcasts.cdss.org)

## **Contra Pulse, ep 41**

Featuring Keith Murphy

## **From the Mic, ep 2**

Featuring Lisa Greenleaf



# Coming Soon: CDSS Camps June 18 - Aug 27

**Registration open now!** [camp.cdss.org](https://camp.cdss.org)

Priority deadline for intensive courses: **March 14**

Priority deadline for camp sessions and scholarships: **March**

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## **2022 Intensive Courses:**

Advanced Ensemble Intensive – Early Music

Contra Dance Callers Course – with Lisa Greenleaf

Contra Dance Musicians Course – with Buddy System

English Dance Musicians Course – with Karen Axelrod

Song Organizers' Intensive – with Nicole Singer



# More CDSS Resources for Organizers



**CDSS RESOURCE  
PORTAL**  
[CDSS.ORG/PORTAL](https://cdss.org/portal)



**SHARED WEIGHT**  
(FOR MUSIC, DANCE, AND  
SONG ORGANIZERS)  
[SHAREDWEIGHT.NET](https://sharedweight.net)



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# 2022 Community Grants Available Now

- **create** a new music, dance, and/or song event (series, weekend, week-long program, etc.)
- **train** callers, musicians, singers, and/or organizers (including cultural equity and anti-racism training)
- **encourage youth** involvement
- **publish** instruction materials (print, web, audio, video)
- **attend** non-CDSS programs to grow your skills
- **create** related endeavors that will have a lasting effect on dance, music, and song communities

If you need funding for any event or project to support your group, check out [cdss.org/grants](https://cdss.org/grants).

*Note:* We have currently offered five grants to help groups hire consultants for cultural equity and anti-racism trainings.





# Follow-up

Your feedback is very valuable! To help us plan future Web Chats, *please reply to the survey you'll receive soon.*

A recording of tonight's Web Chat, along with the slides, transcript, and additional materials will be available at [cdss.org/web-chats](https://cdss.org/web-chats) in a few days.

*Please share with your friends!*

Stay tuned for updates about our next Web Chat - topic TBD

Keep in touch! [resources@cdss.org](mailto:resources@cdss.org)



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# Farewell from CDSS!

