

SURVEY RESULTS – UPDATE 1

- None
- With precautions.
- none
- Given that it will be a long time before a vaccine will be available, we would want to see if the infection rate stays down after things are opened up before we would feel comfortable to return to dancing.
- NA
- I'm over this. I will take responsibility for myself and my decision. I will wear a mask and wash my hands. But I am ready and will dance again as soon as possible
- Lots of hand sanitizer.
- When scientific data shows that is safe, or safe methods are available for close/somewhat intimate/ and physical contact. Do not overestimate the need for revenue over safety of dancers.
- The biggest two that have come up in my conversations is the 6-foot thing, and a concern about going out of county. Some people are much more comfortable with the idea of dancing in their own club rather than crossing a county line and accidentally bringing covid home with them. Some suggestions for 6 feet is to line dance, round dance, sq dance without touching, gather for a potluck but not dance, and just for the hilarity of it.... dance in one huge square with all 8 people staying 6 ft away
- I think one of the best things we can do is welcome people back, but assure them we respect their boundaries. If they want to attend but not dance, or wear a mask, or just sit in the kitchen, or have no worries at all-- we need to let them know that is alright and no one will blame or push them. Everyone has their own fears, or not, and their own medical needs, or not. Acceptance. Hug a friend-- or not :)
- Also, just fyi, I have spoken with several people about opening and most are worried people won't come back, but none of them have been that person. Some are ready now, some don't think it will happen until October, but they all want to come back.
- No
- My son is just finishing 7 weeks of cancer treatment, I need to be mindful of what I do.
- provide lots of hand sanitizers
- None! Let's go!
- Need hand sanitizer at dances in case we forget.
- see above
- I won't be bringing or eating the food for a while though. But I will dance!!
- No masks
- Compromised immune system.
- No, people should assess the risk and benefits individually
- We miss dancing, but travel a lot, so aren't home very much. We're home in April and May and would have gone to the plus dances at Royer. I hope we don't lose dancers through this. We mostly dance at festivals. We don't go to weekly classes.
- I would like to wait until there are almost zero new cases of the virus in Northern California to start dancing.

- Would like to see temperatures taken at the door and an entry hand sanitizer station.
- my husband's health condition has changed, and it depends on what the doctor says, if we can continue dancing.
- For as fast as the virus spreads in our age dynamic, maybe we should consider wearing masks and a quick temperature scan at the door until we are through this fall and the immediate threat is contained.
- I will dance again as soon as travel distance is not a problem, e.g., West Sac and Royer Park are the same physical distance to travel, but time to Royer is double! And parking, I'm told, is a pain--literally for me, with neuropathy that makes walking painful. (I have special moccasins for dancing.)
- Unfortunately, square dancing seems like it was invented by a virus to spread itself in the most efficient manner to the most people. We don't believe that we will be able to square dance, even with our tape groups, until there is either a vaccine, or until there is an extensive test and track system in place. Whenever they go into a population that hasn't been tested and test everyone, they find that nearly half of them are asymptomatic positives who are infectious. So, until we know who is infectious and who isn't, it's not safe to be in close quarters with others.
- If a proven effective vaccine of some kind is developed, we'd start dancing again soon after.
- No new cases for a month.
- Unless the social distance rule is lifted, I don't see square dancing returning until there is a vaccine. I can't imagine dancing with a mask and gloves on. Also, the majority of dancers are in the most sensitive age bracket for this virus,
- Everyone would need to wear masks initially.
- GLOVES and LONG-SLEEVED SHIRTS should be required. No skin to skin contact. No hugs without expressed permission.
- there are too many unknown yet. If I knew that I have antibodies and I cannot get it again and I cannot transmit it then maybe yes before a vaccine.
- As there is always food in abundance at our dances, there needs to be a safe food policy. Perhaps only store-bought and packaged food. Or, if the club is making dinner, masks, hair nets, gloves on the workers filling the plates. It might be best to not let the guests fill their own plates or bowls--let someone do the dishing out. Just a thought!
- See previous answer.
- I will wait until a vaccine is available, administered to millions of people, and to my satisfaction, it seems to be effective.
- Must be medically safe for those at risk.
- Masks, gloves, restricting squares only as many as will allow social distancing between them, once you join a square you are in it for the entire session
- When COV 19 Dies down. Still really skittish...
- No food? At least for me.
- Limited hugging and hand touching
- I need to know I'm not carrying the virus home to my at-risk husband before I can dance again.
- I might dance at a workshop if I know everyone and am convinced, they are following safe practices, but will not be going to any hoedowns until there is a vaccine.
- Proof of vaccination may be prudent. Just a thought.

- Suggest use of cloth masks and gloves until vaccine is ready to administer
- I would hope no one rushes back into dancing before it is safe to do so. If it would be prudent to wait an extra month, we should do so. The very fact Square Dancing is a "close contact" activity and involves many older folks means we should be extra careful.
- NO RESTRICTIONS LETS DANCE SOON.
- Hand sanitizers + temp at the door. Once vaccine available to me, no restrictions.
- All wear masks (even if homemade)-- unless it is medically bad, like if it cuts off their breathing too much, then they can skip this 2) No food 3) Only provide small chilled bottles of water-- people can donate instead of food 4) Hand sanitizer on all tables around the dance floor. 5) Request we have a Book Swap every week! --people bring finished books & trade books (for us, our kids & grandkids) that we have/haven't read!
- The close physical contact with large numbers of people that is an integral part of our activity
- I'm holding out for an effective treatment, don't need a vaccine
- How will social distancing be observed not violating Guv Newsom's mandates?
- I might consider dancing outside with a small group in masks and gloves.
- Will we all wear masks? We'll need LOTS of hand sanitizer (for after EVERY tip)! No kids! Don't know how to establish an age limit, but the children I've seen dancing do not understand the importance of sanitation (i.e. keeping hands away from their noses, coughing/sneezing into their elbows instead of their hands, etc.). Some adults may need reminding of this, too!! Thank you for doing this survey to hear our concerns. I want to keep square dancing from going extinct, but I also want us all to be safe and healthy!
- Maybe reinforce to people that they do not attend if they are feeling ill or have recently been around someone ill. Maybe give a few more minutes in between tips, so that people can have time to wash their hands with soap and water.
- I do not know if you know that I changed my email address.
- LET ME DANCE!!
- No. But I think all dancers should be prepared to wear a mask and gloves, if required or desired
- I might dance again if everyone in attendance has had a negative test for the virus or a positive antibody test (with an honor system in place). Lord knows, I miss square dancing very much-- exercise, camaraderie, and HUGS!
- Masks, hand taps vs holds, frequent hand washing/sanitizer availability
- I'm not sure when I'll want to fly again, I may need to stay local to stay alive...
- I think it's crazy to consider such close contact until there is some form of immunity.
- Without a vaccine, PPE (masks and gloves).
- face masks and sanitizer
- My wife is part of a very high-risk group. My concern is bringing COVID home to her. A lot depends on how under control this pandemic becomes in the near future.
- I want to dance!!!
- At this time, it is impossible to be safe. Too many variables and the experts cannot even agree beings' new cases come up and deaths keep happening
- Gloves, masks and body temperature should be observed before dancing
- None

- Many of us are in the most vulnerable age group for catching and having poor outcomes from COVID-19. We are rushing the reopening of our country. I will kick back a few weeks and see if the # of cases continue to lower or whether those cases will spike again. Dee
- Still evaluating. Close contact, food served etc.
- Hey maybe we should all wear masks & gloves while dancing.... I am willing if that is what it takes to get to it!!
- I will probably wear a mask
- Hand to hand with everyone is too dangerous
- I really want to start as soon as things open but would like to know the restrictions. Do we wear a mask? Do we have to wear gloves? Will all dancers be required to wash hands after each tip? That would be a good idea. But the physical distancing of 6 feet is really the big question. I believe the physical distancing of 6 feet is going to be with us for a long time. Many months or years. So how do you square dance and keep 6 feet apart? A big part of square dancing involves hand touching.
- If my knees or hips cooperate!
- As a person of age and risk factors, I am uncertain about how to dance again with masks? Holding hands? in close proximity to other dancers who are breathing hard as the pace quickens? I would love to dance again, but I'm truly concerned about the risk. I'll watch for developments, but I am seriously concerned about the coming year or two!
- No, the club I dance with provides hand sanitizer. We are all adults and should know that if we are not feeling well, we stay home and dance again in a week or two.
- Requesting anyone who has tested positive or has an active cold refrain from attending. 2 Temperature taken at the door. 3.Pre-tip hand washing. 3.No hugging.
- No!
- Would we dance wearing masks & gloves until a vaccine is widely available?
- Masks, required, no shared food or drink.
- The rate of infection/reinfection, wider availability of hand sanitizer, face masks, etc.
- If we know the group and feel safe, then we would consider it. Masks and hand sanitizer recommended.
- Having kids in school that come dancing. I need to be sure they do not pick it up before coming back. So, I am actually between when it is open and when it is safe.
- We can't wait to get back to square dancing! I would like to see if it would be at all possible to dance without using our hands.... might be more of a challenge to 'keep square' but I think holding hands is probably a bad idea for now. Masks would be difficult, as would food. Everyone could bring their own snacks and water. Thanks, Harold, for creating this questionnaire, it's good to see the majority of dancers are looking forward to returning!
- People are smart enough to know that hand sanitizer is a must. Square Dancers are huggers so probably fewer hugs.
- Just want to know that the person I'm holding hands with doesn't have the coronavirus!
- If all the halls and Centers open to us do, we consider it to be safe.
- My husband/dance partner is high risk. We love to dance & even had a caller at our wedding, as well as a round dance cuer. I also work in healthcare. It dismays me the number of people calling for dancing to reopen before it is safe, circulating debunked virus theories, and acting as if the

inconvenience of not dancing during a pandemic is an assault on our Liberty, all on square dance organization pages. Illnesses can and have been passed around at square dances; I've had it happen myself. How dare we not tell the truth about that reality, and put forward ideas to mitigate the very real risk of passing an illness on to everyone in our square? We are ALL touching hands all through the tip, and EVERY male is going to have his face inches from EVERY female when we swing...

- Seeing square dancers and CALLERS, for heaven's sake, pushing what I can only call crackpot theories so we can dance sooner makes me extremely upset at the irresponsibility, and I won't be dancing to at least one of my (previously) favorite ever again for that reason.
- I am required to complete a questionnaire and a temperature check every day at work. I see it as a violation of my privacy but I waive my rights in exchange for a paycheck. I never wish to ask anyone to submit to similar invasion to relax with friends. Nor do I want non-medical people evaluating my health or eligibility to engage in our beloved social activity.
- Temperature checks and wearing gloves give a false sense of security and are not effective. Gloves especially do no good- people touch their faces, and then the virus is on the gloves. People in the past have danced with runny noses, mild coughs, so just sanitizing hands at end of a tip is not enough. Unfortunately, this activity that we so love is likely out of our sphere for quite a while- it's just too risky, and inherently has too much close contact with many people. Having a proven treatment would go a long way towards making us feel safer.
- No.
- gloves during the first 2 months
- How do you square dance & keep social distancing. Will every wear masks & gloves? So much to consider as dancing is such close contact. We miss everything about square dancing but still as I said need to be cautious at this point.
- Just feel at this time it prudent to wait a little while longer.
- It depends on future developments which take place in the battle against COVID-19. Positive developments would be good for restarting dancing. Negative ones may cause me to revise my anxiousness to resume dancing.
- I just want to know that it is safe to dance again.
- Masks and gloves? Yuk but necessary. I think it's still too soon.
- Wearing masks
- It would be very helpful if the ASDAA or one of its branches, for example the NorCal group, could do a survey of how many square dancers are known to have been affected with the virus and how many deaths, it would give us some idea of the risk.
- None.