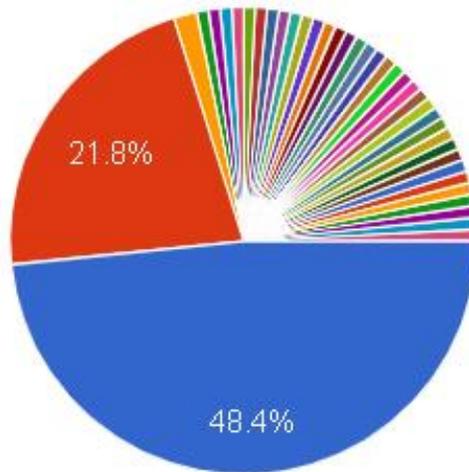


## When do you plan to start square dancing again?

124 responses



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- 60 (48.8%) I will start dancing as soon as the halls are opened up. Just tell me when and where and I will be there!
- 27 (21.8%) I really want to start dancing again but I will wait until there is a vaccine available for COVID-19.
- 2 (1.6%) I have decided to hang up my dancing shoes. My dancing days are over
- 35 (28%) Other.

We are interested in knowing if there are any other restrictions and/or objections that would need to be considered for you to dance again. Please tell us!

- With precautions
- 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 sq 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.

- Harold, 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. Kenny and Donna
- 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.
- None
- 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