

Greetings to all. We hope everyone is well and taking all necessary precautions to remain safe in this time of uncertainty. It's been a long time since we have been able to dance together and we sure do miss seeing everyone, but the safety plus the health of our dancers and guests is our primary concern. The chapter's Board of Directors has decided that the best thing to do now is to cancel the June 13th dance.

Chapter leaders have received updated and complex guidelines from National USA Dance officials. Those guidelines follow the CDC guidelines for reopening and include such things as social distancing, sanitizing and use of masks. In addition to those guidelines, the chapters will have to develop a plan for complying with CDC procedures, as well as State and Local procedures. Attendees will now have to provide their names and contact information for "contact tracing" in case health officials ask for this information.

The following Disclaimer will be posted at each dance on the sign-up sheet:

"Dancing is a physical activity that includes close physical contact with other participants. Like all such physical activities, dance carries some degree of risk. USA Dance cannot be held liable for injuries or illnesses sustained by persons attending the event. Persons attending the event do so at their own risk. USA Dance is not responsible for injury or illnesses or for any loss, damage, or theft of articles from event facilities during events."

Of course, getting back to dancing depends on the guidelines that Wesley United Methodist Church, where our dances are held, puts in place. As of May 28th, we have not heard anything from church officials.

Thinking positive, the Chapter's Board will develop plans to dance again on Saturday, July 11, 2020.

We would like feedback from our dancers and guests giving your thoughts on dancing again, any concerns you may have about partner dancing, masks, etc. Including more Line dances is an option that is being considered.

Send your comments to:

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Meanwhile, USA Dance continues to make dance classes available online, and other groups have also provided online dance lessons. We hope that fellow dancers are enjoying these resources while we wait for the go ahead to safely begin dancing again.

See you soon.