

# NATIONAL FOLK ORGANIZATION

## COVID POLICY

For the NFO Conference Evanston IL  
March 30 - April 3, 2022

As of March 6, 2022

To keep our attendees and sponsoring organizations healthy, NFO plans to **meet or exceed** state and city Covid ordinances. On February 28, the [City of Evanston](#) dropped the requirements for mask wearing for indoor gatherings and proof of vaccination to attend events where food and drink are served. Currently NFO's policy remains the same. Keep checking the [NFO Conference website](#) for the latest version of this document which may include changes regarding Covid testing and other protocols.

We recommend that you make refundable transportation reservations. Our hotel block reservations at the Holiday Inn are cancellable up to 48 hours ahead.

### **Before the conference:**

The NFO requires that participants are fully vaccinated, as [defined by the CDC](#); and boosted against COVID-19 if your last shot was before July 2021, to attend in-person events.

We will require proof of vaccination for all attendees, a signed waiver, and will also be collecting your information for contact tracing.

After you register you will receive instructions about how to submit proof of your vaccination status from the registrar. You will be able to email a scan or photo of your vaccination card to the registrar, or set up a private video call to display your card. This information will not be stored. Remember to bring proof of vaccination with you since any local businesses that serve food may need to see it.

We also require a signed copy of the [Conference Waiver](#). Please sign, scan and mail or email that back to us, as explained in your registration confirmation.

If you feel sick or have been exposed to someone diagnosed with Covid within the previous 2 weeks, please stay home. We will offer a full refund minus a \$10 fee.

We are planning to broadcast the Annual General Meeting part of the Conference on Zoom for free so all members can participate.

**During the conference:**

NFO requires N95 or equivalent masks with the following exceptions: People can unmask briefly for eating or drinking. Presenters, at their discretion, standing behind a podium and adequately socially distanced (8 feet) from the audience, may remove their masks.

Dance teachers will be required to wear masks for teaching and participating in dancing. Headset microphones will be provided and disinfected between users.

Please bring several of your own N95 or equivalent masks so you can swap them out as needed. You may also want to bring handkerchiefs to hold, instead of holding hands while dancing; your own hand sanitizer, water bottle, and a thermometer to perform your own health check.

We will provide extra masks for emergencies and hand sanitizer.

**After the conference:**

If you are diagnosed with Covid after the conference, please contact the Registrar as soon as possible at mailto: [nfo2022registrar@gmail.com](mailto:nfo2022registrar@gmail.com) so that other attendees can be informed that they may have been exposed.