

**NATIONAL FOLK ORGANIZATION**  
**2023 CONFERENCE, CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**COVID-19 RISK AND LIABILITY AGREEMENT**

Our goal is to keep our community as safe as possible. The NFO requires that participants be fully vaccinated, as [defined by the CDC](#), and have received at least one booster against COVID-19, or have an NFO approved medical exemption, to attend in-person events. Proof of vaccination must be provided. In addition, effectively-worn masks are required when indoors and not actively eating and drinking, playing a wind instrument, or speaking at a microphone. Highly protective (N95 or equivalent) masks are recommended. Taking a COVID test (PCR or rapid antigen) to ensure negative status shortly before arrival at the conference is also recommended.

In order to participate in dance and music events and related activities sponsored by the NFO, the undersigned acknowledges, understands and agrees with the following points:

- I acknowledge that COVID-19 and its variants are highly infectious viruses that can result in serious illness and possibly death. I acknowledge that it is spread through person-to-person contact, primarily through the air, and that the risk of the virus is greater indoors than outdoors and I accept full liability for my personal health. Because knowledge about COVID-19 and its risks changes rapidly, please refer to CDC and governmental websites for the latest identification of risks.
- I agree to stay home from events if I feel sick, have tested positive for COVID-19, or have been exposed to someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 within the previous 7 days. See the CDC website for the information on symptoms.
- I agree to notify the NFO registrar at [nforegistrar@gmail.com](mailto:nforegistrar@gmail.com) as soon as possible, for up to 7 days after the conference, if I contract COVID-19, so other members who may have been exposed can be informed. (Personal information will remain confidential.)
- I acknowledge that additional measures can be taken to reduce the risk of transmission of the virus, include testing, wearing masks, social distancing, frequent hand washing, and room ventilation. Other measures may be adopted by NFO, participating dance party hosts, conference venues, or any controlling governmental entity at any time.
- I will sign in for all events both for insurance purposes and for contact tracing, should that be necessary.
- This COVID-19 Risk and Liability Agreement shall remain in effect for the duration of the conference or until revoked by the NFO.
- I attest that I am fully vaccinated and boosted against COVID-19 and I have provided a valid proof of vaccination or have an NFO approved Medical Exemption form. Photocopy and digital copies are acceptable proof. (Personal information will **not** be retained by NFO.)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please print your name (first & last) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_