

NATIONAL FOLK ORGANIZATION

COVID POLICY

For the NFO Conference, Concord, MA
March 29 - April 2, 2023

To keep our attendees and sponsoring organizations healthy, NFO plans to **meet or exceed** local area COVID ordinances for public places, to conform with the policies of many local dance groups. The groups hosting the dance parties during the conference are also maintaining their own usual policies, which may be equally strict.

Before the conference:

Participants must be fully vaccinated for COVID-19, as [defined by the CDC](#), and must have received at least one booster, to attend in-person events.

Participants will receive instructions from the registrar about how to submit proof of vaccination status. A scan or photo of your vaccination card can be emailed to the registrar, or a private video call can be arranged for you to display your card. Personal information will not be stored. Remember to bring proof of vaccination with you in case any of the dance groups hosting the parties or other establishments need to see it.

Participants need to sign the [2023 NFO Agreement](#) and mail or email it back, as explained in the registration confirmation.

Participants are asked to stay home if they feel sick, test positive for COVID, or have been exposed to someone diagnosed with COVID within the previous 7 days. The registration fee will be refunded minus a \$10 fee.

During the conference:

Participants are required to wear properly fitting masks for indoor venues with the following exceptions: People may unmask briefly for eating or drinking. Presenters, at their discretion, standing behind a podium and adequately socially distanced (6 feet) from the audience, may remove their masks, as may those playing a wind instrument. Highly protective (N95 or equivalent) masks and personal testing before and during the event are recommended.

Dance teachers will be required to wear masks for teaching, unless they are 6 feet from all participants, and participating in dancing. Headset microphones will be provided and disinfected between users.

After the conference:

If you are diagnosed with COVID within 7 days after the conference, please contact the Registrar as soon as possible by email at nforegistrar@gmail.com, so that other attendees can be informed that they may have been exposed. (Personal information will remain confidential.)