

CDSS Web Chat:

Let's Talk About Reentry Part 3:

An MD Discusses Vaccines, and We Discuss Our Sector's Needs

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Chat Bar Transcription

00:59:42 Nicki Perez (she/her): <https://www.facebook.com/dorry.segev/videos/10164556945450640/>

01:24:44 Nicki Perez (she/her): <https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/fullarticle/2776053>

01:58:14 Greer Hannan (she):

Would CDSS consider offering general guidelines, such as how low the transmissibility rate should be before a locality returns to in-person dancing?

01:58:18 Annie Fenimore (she/her):

We had a question in our group: As organizations, how do we deal with individuals who have not been vaccinated but want to come to dances in the future?

01:58:32 Seth Atlanta (he, him):

The question is not about dancing now. The questions are about dance events planning for July - for September - for November - for Feb 2021. That's the question - for organizers planning for dance events 9 months out.

Also, are we thinking that when we go back, will CDSS recommend we require vaccine documentation for public dances?

01:58:43 Katie Olmstead she/her:

If we have a dance and someone gets sick, might we be legally held liable?

01:59:00 Mady Newfield:

Do you expect CDSS (or other organizations') insurance to cover liability in case someone gets ill after coming to a dance?

01:59:08 Aileen Poehls (she/her) CCECD:

Will family camp wait until children have been okayed for vaccines?

02:00:07 Cliff White (he/him) - Mid Missouri Traditional Dancers:

Can we legally ask if a potential participant has been vaccinated?

02:00:14 Jeremy Thorpe (RSCDS Boston, he/him):

We're up to 2 million shots per day, with vaccine supply about to ramp up significantly. We should be ready for 70% of adults to be vaccinated in May and the rest to be hesitant.

02:01:44 Ray Grott:

Determining the source of infection will be nearly impossible.

02:01:47 Barbara MacLean (she, her):

Wouldn't asking about vaccinations be a violation of private medical information ?

02:01:48 Sue Dupre (she/her):

As a caller getting inquiries about one-nighter dance events in the late summer and fall, it would be useful to have guidelines that I might suggest to the group planning the event. Assuming that the caller is fully vaccinated and wears a mask during the event, what else might we callers suggest as requirements before we accept a gig?

02:01:57 Sara Munz (she/her):

The state of Oregon is not expecting most people to be vaccinated until July.

02:02:16 Sherry Nevins:

I would guess if the eventual event adheres to current local state, county, & city regulations they would not be liable, but I'm not an attorney

02:03:05 Kimbi Hagen:

Which speaks to the need for local dance organizers to consult an attorney about local laws before re-opening...

02:03:34 Patrick Dunlavey (he/him):

Barbara - asking is not a violation. Sharing that information without permission would be.

02:03:36 Darlene Hamilton (she/her) Pasadena, CA:

Will CDSS consult and get some basic attorney advice?

02:03:39 Warren Anderson:

commercial insurance policies include exclusions for communicable diseases

02:03:54 Darlene Hamilton (she/her) Pasadena, CA:

for all of us to understand

02:04:05 Darlene Hamilton (she/her) Pasadena, CA:

Thank you Warren

02:06:03 Sam Weiler (he/him):

Might CDSS get us some legal advice re: whether excluding people without vaccines would be an ADA violation, and whether we then need to not impose vaccine requirements? (esp. since some people might cite disability as a reason for not getting a vaccine)

02:06:03 Sherry Nevins:

Aside from the liability issue, it would certainly put contra/English dancing in an extremely negative light if an event turned into a super spreader.

02:06:47 Bill Card:

Not a question but for the notes. One thing came up in our focus group; the first dances that are scheduled may likely be lightly attended. It may be necessary to either conduct a "membership drive" in advance to have a financial reserve - or just tolerate that the dance will lose money - or maybe have individual persons sponsor a dance, either out of generosity, or in honor of a person who has recently passed.

02:07:36 Sam Weiler (he/him):

(ADA should be more of a federal issue? v. liability)

02:08:16 Aileen Poehls (she/her) CCECD:

What type of a lawyer do we try to contact?

02:08:32 Lynn Ricketts:

Is there an assumption that some dancers will & some won't be wearing a mask?

02:08:32 Carl Levine (he/him):

Concerning liability - Following public guidance would be helpful. Posting warnings and taking reasonable safety precautions would also help. I think mask policies, or even vaccination policies, would probably be

legal - we are private organization. But I expect that there will be government guidance concerning allegations of disability and/or religion discrimination.

02:10:25 Matt Mathis:

During the transition, we will consider "broadcasting" dances, to get the best of each.

02:10:29 Rhonda Cayford:

Are we a public or private organization? Aren't our dances open to the public?

02:10:38 Bill Card:

As to people who want to stay on-line, I think it would be great practice to generally "simulcast" the dances. Then the people who don't want to come in person may feel a part of the community, just to watch the concert, and they may even pony up some money to help meet the financial challenges of the small dances.

02:11:18 Carl Levine (he/him):

We are not governmental. We have a bit more flexibility. We can set conduct standards,

02:11:23 Patrick Dunlavy (he/him):

Dancing is not an essential activity. As such we can define requirements to participate. Just as airlines can require immunity documentation, legally, so can we. Just saying!

02:12:48 Maggie Bye she/they:

People transmit virus before they are symptomatic, temperature checks are "security theater."

02:13:12 Mr. Don Corson:

CDSS Store could sell CDSS masks

02:13:16 Kimbi Hagen:

Yes, gorgeous masks are being made by Mary deFelice Bartley (Yellowcat Productions).

02:13:28 Alex Naar: North American Morris Dance Organization:

Temp screening is next to useless - SARS I - Canada scanned somewhere in the order of two million passengers - zero cases. Same kind of results in the aviation sector here in the US with COVID-19. We take temperatures because we can...

02:13:29 Carmen Giunta (he) - Syracuse Country Dancers:

Someone with a high temperature presents an elevated risk; we can't say anything about people at "normal" temperature.

02:13:42 Karen M. She/Her:

It would be great to hear from the insurance broker.

02:13:59 Katie Olmstead she/her:

I wonder if people are going to come back to dancing if they still need masks, or if they are going to wait until we are past that.

02:14:02 Ray Grott:

There will be hundreds of groups of all types trying to figure out the legal issues, plus guidance from state and local health authorities. We are not on our own in this process.

02:16:12 Patricia Campbell (she/her):

Thanks Katy, Tom, Linda, Sarah, & Crispin!

02:16:52 Jeremy Thorpe (RSCDS Boston, he/him):

Yes, thank you for this!

02:16:54 Seth Atlanta (he, him):

Fabulous web chat. Please keep these happening. We appreciate all the work to organize this. That you Katy, Linda, Sarah, Crispin, tom.

02:17:02 Sherry Nevins:

If you are a dancer who misses dancing (who doesn't?) and haven't tried an online dance - please do! CDSS online events listing has so many great ones.

02:17:06 Susie Lorand (she/her):

Thank you Nicki, as well!

02:17:26 Van Kaynor (he/him):

Thanks all!

02:17:28 Carl Levine (he/him):

Yes, thank you so much for your continued efforts. And nice to see you all.

02:17:30 Christa Torrens (she/ her):

Thanks, all! Very interesting and informative web chat

02:17:38 Luanne Stiles, Asheville NC (she, her):

excellent session. many thanks to you !!

02:17:40 Sharon Schenkel:

thank you all

02:17:46 Robin Hale (she/they):

Thank you for organizing this - and for all the thoughtful questions.

02:17:48 Darlene Hamilton (she/her) Pasadena, CA:

Thank you

02:18:05 Harvey Raufman (He/Him):

Thanks all!

02:18:09 Mady Newfield:

Very useful talk. Thank you so much!

02:18:18 Donna Hunt (she/her):

Thanks so much for this thoughtful presentation and the great questions. Loved the breakout rooms. So many good ideas and discussion

02:18:20 Cis Hinkle (she/her):

Thanks, we need this. So glad you're all there.

02:18:22 Gaye Fifer:

Thank you-it was great to hear what others are doing

02:18:48 Laura Duncan:

Thanks so much for making this happen.

02:18:53 Liz Sturgen (she/her):

Thank you - stay safe, everyone!

02:18:59 Ziona - Bethlehem, PA:

Very well-done. Informative and encouraging. Many thanks!!

02:19:10 Sherry Nevins:

Patience, everyone....we'll be together again someday, not only on our screens....

02:19:11 Jan Phillips:

Thank you. This was great.

02:19:14 Lisa Wildman she/her Philly Allons Danser:

Thank you

02:19:17 Lynn Feingold (she/her) FSSGB President:

Thank you CDSS! Keep rowing on everyone! :)