

- **All attendees must be fully vaccinated, and boosted if eligible**
  - “Fully vaccinated” is defined as having finished the initial two shot sequence (or one shot if it was from J&J) plus two weeks. “Boosted” is one additional vaccination. We are not requiring the booster any earlier than six months after the initial sequence of vaccines. NOTE: for maximum protection, consider getting the new bivalent booster prior to the weekend, if you're eligible.
  - If we've seen your vax card at a previous Mostly Waltz for Boston event, then you are all set. Otherwise, please send us a picture of your vax card showing vax + booster (feel free to block out the birthdate). If you prefer, let us know you will bring it with you and we'll check it at the door when you arrive.
- **COVID Testing**
  - When you check in, you will need to present results from a **negative COVID test taken within the previous 12 hours** (for most, this will be anytime after 7am on Friday). A picture of the results from a home rapid test showing your name, the date, and time is fine.
    - If using a home test and the test you use allows it, we ask that you write your name/initials and the date on the test cartridge/test strip, e.g. with a sharpie.
    - Taking the picture next to a computer monitor or phone showing the date/time will make it easy for us to verify, otherwise please know how to access your photo properties to show the date and time.
    - We plan to have a few rapid tests available in case anyone forgets.
  - If you will be leaving home before 7am Friday, then we strongly recommend you also test yourself before leaving home (for your own peace of mind, we won't be checking that). For example, if you're flying/driving in on Thursday, we recommend you test yourself at home on Thursday morning, and then we ask that you test yourself AGAIN on Friday afternoon.
  - If you live, work in, or have visited an area with HIGH community transmission level (RED) as defined by the CDC during the prior week, we ask that you also test yourself on Saturday, prior to the evening dance.
- **Please do not attend if you are feeling ill**

or if you are experiencing any COVID symptoms, or have been exposed, or have tested positive (until the CDC defined period of increased vigilance has passed, typically 10 days).
- **Masking**
  - **Masks must be worn during all workshops and dance classes.** We ask that masks fit well, fully covering your nose and mouth, but do not require they be N95 equivalents. We encourage dancers to change partners during classes to maximize learning and we want everyone to feel comfortable doing so. (Red wrist bands will also be available for those who do NOT want to change dance partners.)
  - **For the evening dances and morning practice sessions, masks will be optional**, but we welcome dancers to continue wearing masks to their own comfort level. If you choose not to mask, we ask that you still keep a mask handy so you can meet the comfort level of your partner.

- **Wristbands** will be available to indicate:
  - RED -- I'm dancing only with my own partner
  - BLUE -- Please mask up before asking me to dance
  
- **Ventilation**

The Scout House has excellent ventilation. Windows lining both sides of the hall will be open, and we'll be running the rooftop exhaust fan throughout the weekend to draw in fresh air from outside and exhaust air up and out through the roof. Dress for the weather! It can sometimes be cool at end of September; we recommend bringing layers.
  
- **Community Transmission level**
  - Middlesex County (and all of Massachusetts) currently has LOW community transmission (GREEN).
  - If you live, work in, or visit an area with higher community transmission (RED or YELLOW) as defined by the CDC during the prior week, we ask that you be extra vigilant and mask up in public during the week prior to the extent possible.
  
- **Eating and Drinking**
  - Masks may be removed during classes for water or snack breaks, but please be respectful of your fellow dancers.
  - We will have **refreshments** at the evening dances. Consider bringing goodies to share, or chipping in to the donation jar for beer/wine/cider.
  - For meal breaks, we'll be keeping the hall open. You are welcome to bring your own food (there is a fridge and microwave in the kitchen), or get take-out from one of the local restaurants to bring back for eating in the hall with your fellow dancers. There will be plenty of room for social distancing if desired.
  - For the optional group dinners on Thursday and Saturday, we're trying to arrange for **outdoor dining** at local restaurants. We've got a place for Thursday, but Saturday is still a work in progress, so stay tuned for more on that.

Once more, to summarize:

- vax & booster (send us a pic if we haven't seen your card yet)
- negative covid test (after 7am on Friday)
- don't come if you're sick
- wear a mask during classes
- please be extra vigilant the week prior if you're coming from an area with higher community transmission levels