

SAFETY MEASURES BEING TAKEN FOR SPOOKTACULAR BALLROOM CHALLENGE

Although we would all like to dance and enjoy ourselves, our utmost concern is for the health and safety of everyone coming to this event. During these challenging times, that means all CDC recommendations and guidelines regarding coronavirus will be taken to promote and protect the safety of all participants of the Spooktacular Ballroom Challenge. Our biggest concern is for the youth who are not yet able to be vaccinated due to their age. They will be dancing at Dance Fire Studio on Sunday, October 31. Many of the steps below are being taken at Dance Fire Studio at all times, with a few extra considerations for this event because of the number of people anticipated. Specific safety measures include:

- Dance Fire Studio has two HEPA air filters that will run throughout the entire event.
- Every person in the studio will wear a face mask, even while dancing. Exceptions will be made for those who show proof of vaccination. Those participants may opt not to wear a mask *only while dancing in their events*.
- During the *Pizza with the Pros* segment, participants may remove their masks while seated and eating or drinking.
- Each person will be assigned a seat to use while not dancing, and will be asked to keep movement within the room at a minimum.
- Participants and spectators will be limited on Sunday, in order to ensure the occupancy of the studio never exceeds 15% of maximum occupancy, or 50 people.
- Dancers will have specific times for their heats, and are asked to arrive no more than 30 minutes in advance of their first event.
- Youth will be scheduled in the earlier events. At the conclusion of the Youth events, the studio will be cleared. Adult events will follow in the afternoon.
- Participants and spectators will be asked to maintain social distancing of at least 6' at all times.
- No more than two youth couples will be on the dance floor performing at any given time.
- Participants will be asked to wash their hands, and hand sanitizer will be at every table as well as several other locations throughout the studio.
- Separate doors will be used to enter and exit the studio.

Anyone not following all of the safety guidelines may be asked to leave. **THESE MEASURES APPLY EVEN TO THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN VACCINATED AGAINST COVID.**

Measures may be modified based on changes in guidance from the CDC and other experts at the time of the event.