

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Scarborough SCD Social Group resumes **dancing in person Monday, Sept 27, at 7:30pm**
- Venue: Westview Presbyterian Church, 233 Westview Blvd, East York, M4B 3J7 <[map](#)>
- Proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 required.
- Mask or shield required while dancing.
- Toronto Public Health's interpretation of the provincial protocol is that SCD is EXEMPT from the "distancing" protocol.
- All other protocols and practices are detailed below, in authentic Nigelian prose:

Dear Dancers,

Scarborough club is going as my Irish grandmother would say "alive, alive'o" TONICHT! Yup I did say TONICHT as our ever-efficient branch treasurer Wendy Fulton has already procured our insurance certificate. We have a bunch of "committed" SCDers ready to "take the floor", although some might say we should be "committed" to BEDLAM: London's 1st insane asylum founded 1247! Would it be possible to announce our launch on the website with "fanfares & trumpets", as we welcome all FULLY Vaxxed who will comply with "Provincial Protocols"!

It would be ideal if we had the "i's dotted & t's crossed" with regards the "RE-REQUIRED" documentation as per "Provincial Protocols" 'AFORE we "showed up at the door", as it would be xtremely disappointing if we had to turn anyone away on the nicht! Would all those intending to "take the floor" please forward the "RE-REQUIRED" documentation as outlined below for "validation & verification", as it will be treated in the strictest of confidence. If you have access to "high tech" facilities such as "scanning" the documents into your computer then the quickest way is to send them by email "attachment", but having your documents on a smartphone to show on the nicht should be fine as long as "allest en ordnung" with them.

DOCUMENTATION

► Proof of vaccination document

Ontarians can download their proof of vaccination from [this provincial government website](#). You need your OHIP card to log in to the site. Once you download the certificate showing you've had two doses of vaccine, you can either print a hard copy or store the PDF on your phone.

Vaccination receipts from jurisdictions outside Ontario are accepted, provided that the vaccine doses received meet the province's definition of fully vaccinated.

Ontario's proof of vaccination receipt is valid whether it is printed on paper or downloaded on a phone, but the name and birth date on the document must match what is on the person's identification.

► Identification

Along with the paper or digital copy of your vaccination certificate, you are required to show government-issued identification with your name and date of birth, matching what's on the proof-of-vaccination document. It does not have to be photo ID, so you can use your OHIP card as identification.

► Digital Vaccine Passport: Oct. 22

Provincial officials say Ontario will move to a digital proof-of-vaccination system a month from now. People who've been vaccinated will be able to download a QR code to their phone,

which can be read by a free smartphone app to be made available ahead of the Oct. 22 start date.

However those cognisant of the “Provincial Protocol” with regards to physical “DISTANCING” that has been so much a part of our lives might be saying, well “hold your horses” as doesn’t this protocol prevent our sort of dancing where we’re within “2 feet” never mind 2 meters of each other! Well as the Auzzi’s would say the “RIPPER” news is that Toronto Public Health’s interpretation of the provincial protocol is that SCD is EXEMPT from the “distancing” protocol “WOO HOO”, although don’t ask me why just “don’t look a gift horse in the mouth”! We have in no small measure our esteemed chair Louis Racic to thank for this exemption, as whatever “bluster & blarney” he used on them my Scottish & Irish grandmothers would be proud of him!

The church has been ever-supportive of outside groups returning, but does have certain require“ments” based on their legal position for 3rd part hires and those good olde “Provincial Protocols”!

INSURANCE

Those who are paid-up members of our branch are covered by our policy, those not a member will be charged the GINORMOUS-HUMUNGOUS amount of \$3 “PER YEAR” to also be covered!

CAPACITY LIMIT

The “Provincial Protocol” limits us to 50% of the official maximum capacity, which works out at something like “65.5” people! However as we rarely get more than “25.5” people, we likely won’t be “pushing the envelope” there!

MASKING

MAN-DAT-ORY unless medically xempt as per “Provincial Protocol”, but an alternate such as a face shield would not just be de-sired but RE-QUIRED! A mask or alternate should be worn as all times while dancing or resting-out, the only exception being while eating.

VACCINATION

► Full Vaccination

TWO doses of one of Health Canada's four approved vaccines (Pfizer-BioNtech, Moderna, AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD or Janssen/Johnson & Johnson), the second dose of the vaccine must have been administered at least TWO weeks before attendance.

If any of the doses received were not among Health Canada's four approved vaccines, Ontario requires a follow-up of one dose of either the Pfizer or Moderna mRNA vaccine administered at least TWO weeks before attendance.

An “EVENT Centre” comes under “Provincial Protocols” where vaccination is MAN-DAT-OR-Y, although church halls have not been specifically “included or excluded” as such centres. The church is therefore leaving the requirement for vaccination up to the discretion of the clubs using the facility, but are STRONGLY advocating for it. As most of our clientele are “no spring chickens”, many if not most may not want to attend unless ALL are vaccinated.

► Exceptions and exemptions

Children under 12 are not subject to Ontario's vaccine passport system, as they are currently not eligible for vaccination.

To be exempt from Ontario's COVID-19 vaccination requirements, anyone age 12 and up must provide a written document from a physician or a nurse practitioner on official letterhead stating that there is a medical reason for the exemption.

Public health doctors have said medical exemptions are rare and are primarily limited to having a life-threatening allergy to an ingredient in the vaccine, or having had an adverse reaction to a first dose.

There are also a few specific exceptions to the vaccination requirement for the venues listed above:

- People entering the indoor area of a restaurant or bar only to get takeout, to pay or to use a washroom.
- Kids under 18 entering a sports or recreational facility for active participation in an organized sport, such as a league or classes, including dance, martial arts or swimming.
- People entering a meeting or event facility solely to attend a wedding ceremony or funeral service. The exception does not apply to a reception or social gathering associated with the wedding or funeral. However, until Oct. 13, a non-vaccinated person can attend such a social gathering by producing a negative COVID-19 test administered within the previous 48 hours.

OTHER MATTERS

► Handing

For those concerned about “handing” in SCD it’s often a “nicety rather than a necessity”, so many formations can be modified to minimise or eliminate it where possible. As my 1st teacher Isabelle Macpherson used to say “we don’t want to get BIBLICAL”, but there are certain tenants in the “giving & receiving of hands”!

We will also have hand- sanitizer available, which should be used not just on “entrance & exit” to the building but on “entrance & exit” for each dance!

► Tea Time

Our luv-e-ly communal tea-time may need some modification, as use of the “kommunal kitchen” is still “out of bounds”! We wouldn’t want it to become a “kommunicable kitchen” spreading COVID, so we may have to bring our own individual vitals.

We will have use of “tables & chairs” where “distancing” should be observed, but while “at the trough” masking would be more of a desire“ment” than require“ment”.

Well O’Boyz O’Boyz O’Boyz O’Boyz O’Boyz O’Boyz O’BOYZ what an allegory, and there’s more to come although that’s enough to digest “the noo”!

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Nigel & Lourdes