

## COVID SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR GATHERING Updated 10.4.2022

As international regulations and WHO recommendations change rapidly, we reserve the right to update these protocols and will notify all registered attendees of any changes. With similar safety protocols in place, DSA had a wonderful gathering in October of 2021 and we anticipate that these updated mitigation measures will again ensure a safe gathering for all of our community.

NOTE: **As of October 1<sup>st</sup>, Canada no longer requires any COVID-19 related protocols at entry.** See more [HERE](#).

In order to help prioritize the health and safety of all conference attendees, hotel employees, and the Vancouver community, the Dance Studies Association requires that all in-person conference attendees follow the following protocols:

- **Proof of Vaccination in Advance of Arrival:** Only those who are fully vaccinated may attend the 2022 gathering in-person. “Full vaccination” will follow the Government of Canada’s guidelines - 14 days from the second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine accepted for travel, or 14 days from one dose of Johnson and Johnson single-dose shot. Not all vaccines are accepted. Vaccines accepted:
  - AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD (ChAdOx1-S, Vaxzevria, AZD1222)
  - Bharat Biotech (Covaxin, BBV152 A, B, C)
  - Janssen/Johnson & Johnson
  - Medicago Covifenz
  - Moderna (Spikevax, mRNA-1273) including for children aged 6 months to 11 years
  - Novavax (NVX-COV2373, Nuvaxovid, Covovax)
  - Pfizer-BioNTech (Comirnaty, tozinameran, BNT162b2) including for children aged 5 to 11 years
  - Sinopharm BIBP (BBIBP-CorV)
  - Sinovac (CoronaVac, PiCoVacc)

To qualify as a fully vaccinated traveler, you must have received, at least 14 calendar days by the day you travel: at least 2 doses of a vaccine accepted by the Government of Canada for the purpose of travel; or a mix of 2 accepted vaccines; or at least 1 dose of the Janssen/Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

We will use HealthShield to collect and verify vaccination records/cards in advance. Registrants will receive an email with information for upload and may choose to use their email and/or cell phone number to complete this step. This is the same secure software that was used at the 2021 conference.

Upload your vaccine card for verification [HERE](#) or scan the QR code.



- **Mask Requirements.** Masks are required for all indoor DSA events, except for those actively presenting and eating. Masks are optional outdoors.

- Exposure Attestation. When arriving at the conference registration desk all attendees will be asked to sign health declaration including: expression/experience of COVID related symptoms (fever, cough, body aches) in last 48 hours, known direct contact with COVID positive person in last 5 days, and positive or presumptively positive COVID case in the last 10 days. This requirement includes registrants, exhibitors/sponsors, guest speakers, and DSA staff. Failure to declare health status and/or lying on your declaration will result in full cancellation of your presentation and your current DSA membership, without refund.

Individuals who cannot adhere to these guidelines, will be limited to participation in the conference virtually. Refunds from in-person to virtual participation can be made up until September 30th, 2022.

In the case of an exposure, all close contacts will be notified immediately and asked to participate for the remainder of the conference virtually. A close contact is any individual who was in close proximity (within 6 feet) for more than 15 minutes. Those who test positive and those who are direct exposures, and are asked to participate remotely, and can be refunded for the difference of virtual registration upon request.

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## TRAVELING TO CANADA

The information below is provided as a courtesy to assist members in planning to attend the 2022 DSA conference. However, DSA cannot guarantee its accuracy, especially as the governmental requirements due to COVID are constantly shifting. We urge everyone to identify the appropriate governmental websites for your own country to ensure you are in compliance with their requirements.

NOTE: Canada requires proof of vaccination at entry, using ArriveCAN app. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/arrivecan.html>

Information from the Canadian government on entrance to Canada: <https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid>

City of Vancouver: <https://vancouver.ca/home-property-development/covid-19-coronavirus-within-vancouver.aspx>

### WHAT DO I NEED TO DO IN ADVANCE OF THE CONFERENCE TO PREPARE FOR MY TRIP TO CANADA?

- Check your airline's website for COVID guidance, as many have detailed advice on what you need to enter Canada and return home afterwards to your home country.
- Get vaccinated: Canada requires that you have proof of vaccination. If you are not yet fully vaccinated, you should complete this process *before* October 1. Canada accepts several types of vaccination, but not all. See full list above.
- Arrange documentation of your vaccination: In the US, you should bring your original CDC card. In many states, the state government has an app which records your vaccination history.
- Ensure you get a rapid test within the 72 hours before conference arrival: All onsite registrants will be required to upload proof of negative rapid test within 72 hours of arrival.
- Download the ArriveCAN app before you leave and complete their questions. Link above.
- Check requirements for passport and visa from your home country: Check the Canadian web site for requirements.