

2021 LoneStar Invitational Covid -19 Protocols

LoneStar Invitational will be adapting, with permission, use of the same protocols that were in place and used at Wild Wild Westie recently. We appreciate their dedication to helping make all of our dancers feel as safe as possible and staying healthy!

We are *recommending* (not requiring) the use of face coverings of all dancing during the event, with the exception of the *requirements* for Swing Jack and Jill competitions as indicated below. If you are in an at-risk category, we strongly recommend the use of face coverings at all times and throughout the hotel public spaces.

Jack N Jill Competition:

We **will be** instituting a face covering policy for the Jack and Jill competitions. Masks **will be** required, at a minimum, for preliminary competition rounds, for the following reasons:

1. We believe in accommodating the comfort level of every dancer who may want to compete.
2. There are extra variables that are present only during Jack and Jills: - dancers have no control over who they must dance with and when - dancers have no control over where they are dancing on the floor and by whom - dancers have no control how long they must be on the floor.
3. Optional use of masks may allow for differences in emotive ability, which could be a competitive advantage. We want to “level the playing field” by requiring masks for all competitors for preliminary rounds. Jack and Jill finals will be treated as an exception.

Since finalists will be dancing with only one partner and there will be fewer dancers on the floor simultaneously, each division will be polled anonymously during check-in to decide if masks are mandatory or recommended for their division final. The decision for no face coverings must be unanimous.

We thank you for your support.