

## SHAMROCKS AND SHENANIGANS FEIS AND ST PATRICK'S FEIS

MARCH 6 AND 7, 2021

Thank you so much for your interest in our two competitions! We are so excited to give the dancers an opportunity to do what they love, see their friends and compete in a safe, Covid-conscious way! We want to give everyone a feel for what the feis will be like and provide information on procedures we are putting in place. These procedures will be strictly adhered to. If you have any questions on any of this information, please email our John Freitas at [jwfreitas@att.net](mailto:jwfreitas@att.net).

### COVID SAFETY MEASURES

1. Per Santa Clara County guidelines, masks **MUST** be worn inside the venue at all times by all attendees. They must be worn correctly over the nose and mouth. Please no face shields, scarves, bandanas, masks with vents. If you arrive without a proper mask one will be provided to you. **IF YOU ARE NOT WEARING THE MASK PROPERLY, WE WILL ASK THAT YOU REMEDY THE ISSUE, FAILURE TO WEAR YOUR MASK PROPERLY WILL RESULT IN BEING ESCORTED OFF THE PREMISES.** As of now we will not require dancers to wear masks while dancing, but they will be required to wear them at all other times, including during shoe changes and while in the dancer queue. If someone has a medical condition that precludes them from wearing a face mask, then we respectfully ask that you not attend this year. We will be happy to welcome you back at a future feis.
2. Only 1 parent/guardian/spectator permitted per dancer, **ABSOLUTELY NO exceptions.** Please leave siblings and extra family members at home or in your private hotel room. The parent (spectator) will be asked to pre-register and will receive a wrist band at check in. If you are not wearing your wrist band, you will not be allowed into the ballroom.
3. Temperatures will be taken at registration.
4. CDC [guidance for cleaning and disinfection](#) will be followed. Commonly touched surfaces/areas will be cleaned and disinfected after each group of competitions by the hotel.
5. Alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol will be readily made available to staff, volunteers, dancers/guardians. Frequent hand hygiene will be encouraged including, but not limited to, hand hygiene upon arrival, before and after snacks, before and after going to the bathroom, before and after touching a person's face or face covering, and prior to leaving the event.
6. Staff, dancers, guardians and volunteers will be reminded to maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from others. Safety officer volunteers will be assigned to monitor social distancing and traffic flow in all places, as well as compliance with other protective actions.
7. Dancers/guardians should bring their own snacks and waters. Food will be for sale at the hotel restaurant but there will be no food/meals/drinks other than pre-dance snacks and water allowed into the competition areas.
8. Dancers must arrive as ready to go as possible (hair, makeup and tanning already done). There will be no hair, tanning or makeup application allowed in any of the hotel public restrooms or hallways. There will also be no practicing in the hallways or ballroom.
9. Dancers should bring their own paper gift bag (can be decorated!) with their name clearly marked on it. These will be the bags in which they place their masks while dancing.

### COMPETITION DETAILS

1. To allow us to work within the time and space constraints we have, and to allow for the maximum number of dancers to be able to compete in a safe controlled environment, we have imposed a 200 total caps on all levels.

All dancers will be dancing one at a time. They will enter a dancer queue with designated spots spaced 6 feet apart from the next dancer. They will be checked in while in the queue. While standing on the stage, we ask that the dancers continue to wear their mask and only remove it 8 bars before they start their dance (holding the mask in their hand as they dance). After their rounds and while still on the stage, they will need to put their mask back on and continue to wear it until they dance again. When the group is finished, they will be asked to leave the competition room. The competition space will be set up so that each guardian/dancer will have 2 chairs (each pair spaced 6 feet apart) in addition to the dancer queues side stage.

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2. There will be one large main competition hall at the Doubletree which is over 10,000 square feet. The max number we will have in the room is approximately 75, all physically distanced 6 feet or more.

3. Competitions will be scheduled in blocks of time an average of 60 minutes. Check-in will be up to a half hour prior to the start of the competition. No one will be permitted into the competition areas before their scheduled check in time. If we are running behind, we will keep people updated as to when they should arrive on social media.

4. There will be 15 minutes after each group of competitions to allow for the exit of competitors having just finished, entry of the next group of competitors, and cleaning.

5. Temperatures will be checked upon entry to the venue and a Covid symptom checklist will need to be submitted to the intake volunteers (form will be made available closer to the event date). Once screened, dancers/guardians/spectators will be given a colored wristband for their competition. These wristbands will allow entry into the competition room and will be checked for at the door to the room. To keep room occupancies controlled, only the competitors/guardians/spectators actively competing will be allowed in the room; they will not be permitted to come in and out of the ballroom other than visits to the restroom.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**1. FeisWorx-** We will be using FeisWorx for our registration. If it is a new site to you, please take some time to get your family and dancer registered before the feis opens to expedite the registration process. If the feis hits its cap, a waitlist automatically kicks in and you will be added to the list. If we have the time and space given the limited spots due to physical distancing guidelines in specific competitions, we will add dancers from the waitlist accordingly. Payment will be delayed closer to the feis date. FeisWorx will have a Covid release that will need to be acknowledged before you can continue on to the feis payment.

**2. Competitor Cards:** We are asking that you print your competitor number and parent card beforehand from the FeisWorx site and bring it with you.

**3. Awards/Marks:** We plan on presenting the awards outside (one competition at a time) and times will be posted.

The written certifications (forms provided by the Shamrocks and Shenangians Feis and St. Patrick's Feis) must be provided to the feis intake staff and will be maintained by feis organizers for a period of at least 21 days after the feis. No one will be allowed to participate in the feis if he or she has traveled in the 14 day period prior to arriving in San Jose out of the country.

**MORE SPECIFICS about Feis day procedures will be posted as we get closer to the feis!**

*\*We reserve the right to change or add to our policies and procedures as we get closer to the feis, depending on the current state regulations and the state of the pandemic.*