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## Avalon use policy in the time of COVID

We are excited about getting together and dancing again. However, we want to do so with consideration of the health and safety of our community. In establishing this policy, we have taken into consideration the requirements imposed by Boulder County and guidelines established by the State of Colorado and the CDC.

Also:

- Because dancing is much more intimate than other indoor activities and therefore could be more apt to spread disease,
- And because our population skews older than the general population and is therefore at higher risk from severe disease,
- And because our HVAC system is not designed to neutralize viruses,
- And because the regulations and guidance are complex and difficult to enforce:

our policy emphasizes simplicity and **community safety above personal choice**.

**As the situation changes, this policy will change.** We expect changes to be frequent, so please check the date at the top and watch for updates.

Avalon Policy:

- **Masks are required in all common areas** inside the Avalon, including the kitchen, all hallways, bathrooms, and changing rooms.
- Masks are required in privately rented spaces, e.g., Sodal Hall, **whenever any attendee's vaccination status is unknown**.
- Masks are not required in privately rented spaces, e.g., Sodal Hall, when **the organizer has verified that every attendee is vaccinated**.\*
- Through May 16, existing capacity and social distancing policies remain in effect, aside from fully vaccinated events.
- After May 16, if Boulder County moves to Clear on the dial, capacity limits and social distancing will no longer be required.
- Because the repercussions would be serious if an outbreak occurs at the Avalon, renters who fail to meet these requirements risk losing rental privileges.

\*Notes:

1. Vaccination status can be ascertained by:
  - Person is known to the organizer, and the organizer trusts their word regarding vaccination
  - Checking the white vaccination card

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2. If an attendee's vaccine status cannot be ascertained, the event must be treated as an unvaccinated event; that is, masks must be worn by all attendees.
3. We encourage organizers to ascertain vaccination status in advance so as to avoid confusion and disappointment, and to keep a log of attendees in case tracing becomes necessary. The log should contain name and phone number and/or email.
4. We understand that some people are unable to get the vaccine for health reasons. We are sorry that those people will be unable to attend fully vaccinated events. We hope that, as the pandemic wanes, we can accommodate all those who wish to dance at the Avalon.

Links to Boulder County requirements:

- Boulder County Facial Coverings Order:  
([https://assets.bouldercounty.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/2021-05.masks\\_in\\_indoor\\_public\\_spaces.pdf](https://assets.bouldercounty.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/2021-05.masks_in_indoor_public_spaces.pdf))
- Boulder County Dial:  
(<https://www.bouldercounty.org/families/disease/covid-19/state-dial-framework>)