

Birmingham FOOTMAD Statement on COVID-19  
June 1, 2021

At the beginning of the pandemic in April 2020, the Birmingham FOOTMAD Board voted to follow CDSS (Country Dance and Song Society) and CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) public health guidelines in our decision to cancel and to resume dancing. We had already voted to cancel our March 14, 2020 dance on our own.

On May 16, 2021, the CDC posted that fully vaccinated people can resume activities they did prior to the pandemic without wearing masks or physically distancing. People are considered fully vaccinated for COVID-19 two weeks after they have received their second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or two weeks after they have received a dose of the single dose vaccine (Johnson & Johnson).

As of June 1, 2021, CDSS began scheduling summer camps for the fully vaccinated. CDSS is requiring vaccination of all attendees.

It is with these new and current guidelines from the CDSS and the CDC that we have decided upon scheduling for the fully vaccinated, per CDSS and CDC guidelines, our first post-pandemic dance on July 10, 2021 at a lovely new venue of Randolph Memorial Hall at St. Mary's-on-the-Highlands Episcopal Church in Five Points South. Proof of vaccine, via display of your card or a photo of your card, will be required, just as CDSS will require for their events.

We have also reserved a new camp, Camp Skyline, for the return of our famous and fabulous Mentone Dance Weekend August 20-22, 2021. This weekend will also be only for the fully vaccinated.

While we realize that not everyone is comfortable or able to dance with us at this time, know that we respect your decision and that you will be warmly welcomed upon your, hopefully, eventual return. Stay tuned for updates on our events. We can't wait to dance with you all again!