**IN-CLASS LINE DANCE LESSONS WITH DANCIN’ FEET IN MOTION**

**AT PARKSIDE OLDER ADULT CENTRE**

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As some of you may have heard, ParkSide Older Adult Centre is opening as of Friday, October 1, 2021. If you are a Parkside Centre member, you will receive notification of any date changes. If you are a non-member, I will advise of such. The Executive Committee of the ParkSide Centre Board will meet on a weekly basis to review any new information and will postpone the reopening if necessary.

In addition to following all Public Health protocols, the ParkSide Executive Committee has put in place two requirements for **in-person** participation at our programs:

• to require that **participants of in-person activities and events** **provide Proof of full COVID-19 Vaccination with no exceptions; and**

**• to require that participants of in-person activities and events complete the ParkSide Centre’s COVID-19 Liability Waiver.**

These decisions do not affect *virtual* activities.

Ontario’s Chief Medical Officer of Health continues to remind those 70 years of age and older that they are at higher risk of severe illness if they get COVID-19. Those over 70 should discuss their participation in recreational programs with their health care provider to understand their personal risk and act accordingly.

**Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination**

The ParkSide Centre and Dancin’ Feet in Motion have decided to require Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination **for in-person activities** because:

• We serve a population that is inherently vulnerable to COVID-19.

• Our members have expressed strong support for a vaccination mandate.

• Public Health advises individuals in our membership demographic to receive the vaccine.

Members and non-members wishing to participate in programs in person will be required to show or **provide Proof of COVID-19 vaccination, but the ParkSide Centre or Dancin’ Feet in Motion will not hold a copy of the document**. The decision to receive vaccinations is a personal one, and ParkSide Centre shall continue to offer virtual activities to accommodate those who remain unvaccinated. ParkSide understands that this decision will be unpopular with some people; however, we are not interested in debating it.

**How to Get Your Official Ontario COVID-19 Vaccination Receipt**

If you no longer have the vaccination receipt that was given to you after you received each dose, you can still get it from the Ministry of Health by completing the steps found at [https://covid19.ontariohealth.ca](https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Fcovid19.ontariohealth.ca%2F%3Ffbclid%3DIwAR2hynrt1ssk6ngU0r4H5ykQGGS4ER1Dhm9NGDeC019H4eImBpyAuPPw440&h=AT1T8CeEp5dmV39T_6z3vm22fPNqGdm86fjeRuucxIwXH5AjlZkaoEeIiAj-Rsr6ct5Kq3luv000xnPx77Tineo-20wXMtRwdfCcnHyIN_GgK91IHyQSRtqe8fF4JO8DlgYD&__tn__=-UK-R&c%5b0%5d=AT15V8EFkDuipz16Sgy2fY9lRUScv6M4Urk4SmpwCjZMQryXwNIhtacDiGbrSKArsuXKuZoNjdxyOmeScnKC4lN-RgDnWGiRvk7bi8cC0SUrj-Pl0TJaqLvv3NVQ5NsP-19vI-5R9dkaRL9U73LZWk95fgSrcoMzPNfZqidpuKzx5g)

To get the information, you first need to check the box to accept the ‘terms of use’ and have a green (photo) Ontario Health Card. If you have the older red and white card, you can call the Provincial Vaccine Booking Line at 1-833-943-3900.

**Expectations of Members and Non-Members**

Members and non-members are asked to pre-screen prior to their arrival at the Centre. You can use the Province of Ontario’s assessment tool at [https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/](https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/?fbclid=IwAR2YoGrRwa0qJSa8dWHLKRU_SX5ZGQK1uGvH9e04OalOnx0am2K8T06DnVY) to do this.

**If you do not feel well, please stay at home! We cannot emphasize this enough!**

Upon arrival at the Centre, **each member and non-member will be required to sign-in on one of our touchscreens and answer the screening questions when they appear on the screen. If the answer to any of the questions is yes, then the individual will not be able to enter the facility.**

Hand washing and hand sanitizing will be of paramount importance and, as such, we will have hand sanitizer pumps in each of our program spaces. Members and non-members will be expected to use them before, during and after their programs. There are capacity limits in place in each of the program rooms that will result in program sizes being smaller.

Members and non-members **will be required to wear a mask or face covering at all times while in the Centre except when they are eating, drinking or exercising.** These masks should fit securely to the head with ties or ear loops, maintain their shape after washing and drying, be made of at least two layers of tightly woven material (such as cotton or linen) and be large enough to completely and comfortably cover the nose and mouth without gaping.

Members and non-members will also be asked to complete a Covid-19 liability waiver.

**COVID-19 Liability Waiver**

The ParkSide Centre decided to require a COVID-19 Liability Waiver for in-person activities due to three considerations:

1. Due diligence regarding the known or unknown outcomes to members, non-members and the organization from possible exposure to COVID-19.

2. The recommendations received from the ParkSide Centre’s insurance provider.

3. The ParkSide Centre members inherent vulnerability to COVID-19.

**The ParkSide Centre’s COVID-19 Liability Waiver includes:**

• Guidelines for participating

• Accepting the risks of participation

**• A promise to refrain from in-person activities if experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms.**

The ParkSide Centre’s COVID-19 Liability Waiver provides important legal protection to each participant and volunteer from unknown outcomes that may occur from COVID-19. This path allows us to return to in-person activities sooner, for those who understand and accept the unknown outcomes.

You are **not** required to resubmit a waiver if we already have one on file.