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## UCWDC COVID-19 UPDATE

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To the UCWDC community of dancers,

At the beginning of March, we were very optimistic that we would be able to maintain some semblance of our dance season through the coronavirus outbreak (COVID-19). Unfortunately, the virus has persisted, and it is evident that business as usual is no longer an option.

The Council's Board of Directors meets regularly to discuss the ever-changing pandemic so that we can assess the situation, adapt, and make decisions about how to safely and effectively manage our regional events, our World Championships and our organization.

In our most recent meeting, the Board of Directors decided to suspend any qualification requirements for the 2021 Country Dance World Championships. Therefore, Worlds 2021 will be open to all competitors who hold a current UCWDC Associate Membership and register for the event.

The decision to hold the World Championship weighs heavily on us all. If we are able to deliver the Country Dance World Championships safely, we will. The Council and the Worlds Management Team are working closely with the host hotel, state and local government offices, and public health officials to ensure your safety.

Again, we encourage you to participate as you are comfortable and as your local public health officials or doctors advise. Our top priority is your health and well-being.

To stay abreast of Council news and updates about events and the World Championships, follow us on social media [www.facebook.com/UCWDC/](https://www.facebook.com/UCWDC/); [twitter.com/UCWDC/](https://twitter.com/UCWDC/); [www.instagram.com/UCWDC/](https://www.instagram.com/UCWDC/) and [www.ucwdc.org](http://www.ucwdc.org).

Stay healthy,

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