

Garden State Feis - COVID-19 Protocols – May 1-2, 2021

By entering & attending the Garden State Feis, you agree to follow all COVID-19 safety protocols & voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19. Non-compliance with any of the guidelines set forth will result in ejection from the feis & no refund will be provided. Note that the list below is subject to change & will be updated as circumstances require.

WAIVER: Each individual entering the venue must present a separate waiver. The waiver will be emailed and available on our website at least one week prior and should be filled out, printed and signed before arrival on the day of the feis. Electronic signatures will not be accepted. NOTE: parents/guardians must sign their own waiver as well as their dancer's. All minors under 18 must have the waiver signed by a parent or guardian, even if someone else is accompanying them to the feis.

TRAVEL: All attendees, dancers, parents, guardians, volunteers, vendors, adjudicators & musicians will be subject to the most current NJ state travel guidelines at <https://covid19.nj.gov/>. The Italian American Club is located at 1976 Valley Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ. When traveling on Route 22 East, the turn for Union Avenue is just after the Scotchwood Diner (it's easy to miss).

SIBLINGS: Only one support person is allowed in the venue with each dancer, and no exceptions can be made due to COVID reduced capacities. Please leave non-dancing siblings at home, as they will not be allowed inside the venue with the accompanying parent. If you have multiple dancers, please arrange for supervision outside, in the event they are assigned to different dance times.

PARKING: Parking is limited in the venue lot, so please do not arrive until just before your group's scheduled arrival time. Additional street parking is available in the surrounding neighborhood. Competitors are asked to leave once awards are picked up.

COSTUMES: Dancers should arrive completely dressed for the feis, including hair, make-up & costume. Dancers should be warmed up prior to entering the feis venue as there will be no warm-up/practice area. **Dress bags will not be allowed inside**, and no changing areas will be available. One small bag for shoes & essentials only (water, tape & sock glue) will be allowed per dancer.

DANCER CHECK-IN: All groups have been assigned a time to check in at the entrance of the building. Completed waivers will be collected (please have them signed and ready). **YOU MUST PRINT YOUR OWN NUMBER CARDS** as they will not be available at the feis. Please check in promptly, as competitions will begin shortly after being allowed into the stage area. Each group will be let in as soon as the previous group has vacated the room and surfaces have been disinfected, and dancers should be ready to line up.

TEMPERATURE TAKING: Temperatures will be taken at the entrance for everyone entering the feis venue using a no-touch digital thermometer. Anyone with a temperature of 100.4 or higher will not be permitted to enter the feis venue. No exceptions & no refunds will be given.

STAGE ACCESS: Entrances & exits will be designated to limit contact between scheduled dance groups. Dancers & one accompanying support person may either wait in their vehicle or in a designated area outside, prior to their check-in time. All attendees must vacate the stage area upon completion of their final round. There will be no re-entry to the stage area unless you are scheduled with a later group.

FACE MASKS & SOCIAL DISTANCING: All attendees must wear a face mask at all times both indoors & outdoors. Face shields are not permitted in place of masks. Dancers' masks must not have the school name or logo on them. Please make sure the mask covers both your MOUTH & NOSE. If you have a medical condition that precludes you from wearing a face mask, please do not attend the feis as you will not be permitted to enter. All attendees must remain 6 feet apart from non-family members while wearing a mask. Venue chairs will be spaced accordingly and may not be rearranged or moved. Dancers may choose to remove their masks ONLY while competing on stage, however it must be worn as soon as each dance is completed & while exiting the stage.

AWARDS: All awards ceremonies for championships, as well as awards pickup for beginner through prizewinner, will be downstairs in another banquet hall, after which everyone will proceed outside through a separate downstairs exit near the parking lot. All grades results will be posted as soon as completed. Marks will be available through FeisWeb following the feis.

REFRESHMENTS & BATHROOMS: Limited snacks/water will be available for sale outside. ONLY water for dancers is allowed inside the venue. Please do not fill water bottles at the sink in the bathrooms. Please maintain social distancing when using bathrooms; do not use as changing room or for makeup/hair. Misuse of bathrooms may result in removal from the feis and no refunds will be given.

VENDORS: We are thrilled to welcome Fay's Shoes and Head for the World. Please leave time to visit them outside (weather permitting) before or after your competitions. While browsing, please maintain all COVID protocols, including social distancing.