

Swingin' Into Spring 2022 - Covid Policy – I am most concerned of someone having an active infection walking through the door. EVERYBODY MUST have a COVID test the day of arrival. (See Below)

If you are not vaccinated, and are considering it ... do it NOW! There are no guarantees being vaccinated will prevent you from getting COVID. I was vaccinated and still got COVID, but it was very mild, so I believe it helped.

\* Due to ever changing CDC, State and Federal Guidelines any of these guidelines below can change at any time. We will follow whatever rules are in place April 28-May 1<sup>st</sup>

\*\* I WILL NOT be keeping anybody's Vaccine status in any kind of file ... written or on the computer ..., in the remote case of a hack or computer theft. (I know this has been an issue for some)

One of the reasons these announcements are last minute, is that I was hoping we would be beyond the point where restrictions were necessary. Reality dictates that is not the case. So, as much as I hate to do this ... the SIS 2022 COVID Policy is as follows...

1) EVERYBODY needs to do "Rapid Test" the day of their arrival. Now that the tests are FREE from the Federal Government, this should not be an issue. Order yours now. <https://www.covidtests.gov/>

2) \*Masks are "Strongly Suggested". At the moment, not "Mandated" by the Feds or the State, but bring some just in case. If those mask mandates return, we will have to comply.

\* Masks will be required for Jack'N'Jill Preliminaries – Finals will be up to the couples once paired

3a) Vaccinated??? ... Just bring your card & show it. We will NOT be keeping a copy, but that doesn't absolve you from doing a COVID Test the day of arrival. The test is more important than the vaccination card.

OR...

3b) Natural Immunity ... turns out to be a lot better than originally believed. So, if you had a VERIFIABLE (Test Results) prior COVID infection, based on the CDC Guidelines (See Articles Below), just provide proof. I am Pre-approving those in this category, so contact me in advance. Still ... you need to do the test the day of arrival. The test is more important.

4) \*Unvaccinated & Never had COVID – I know of one person who took part in a "Monoclonal antibodies" Study in New York. I also now several whom have had antibody tests. If you have received that treatment or other preventative treatment, and have had antibody testing ... we can talk about it. Still ... you need to do the test the day of arrival.

Call me if you need more clarification (860)559-6179

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My decision is based on several publications from the CDC ... NOT the media. Here are two of the most pertinent.

This is an older CDC article dated 10/21/22

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/science/science-briefs/vaccine-induced-immunity.html>

“Available evidence shows that fully vaccinated individuals and those previously infected with SARS-CoV-2 each have a low risk of subsequent infection for at least 6 months” ... That would be as of October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 for this event.

More recent CDC Article - 1/28/2022 – California & New York Study

[https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/71/wr/mm7104e1.htm?s\\_cid=mm7104e1\\_w](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/71/wr/mm7104e1.htm?s_cid=mm7104e1_w)

“The study looked at four groups of people: unvaccinated with no prior COVID-19 infection, vaccinated with no prior infection, unvaccinated who recovered from COVID-19, and vaccinated who recovered.

By the first week of October, COVID-19 rates among the vaccinated with no previous infection were 6.2 times lower in California and 4.5 times lower in New York than among the unvaccinated with no previous infection.

However, among the unvaccinated with a previous infection, the COVID-19 rate was 29 times lower in California and 14.7 times lower in New York.”

The individuals most protected against infection were those who had previously had COVID-19 and were also vaccinated. Their infection rate was 32.5 times lower in California and 19.8 times lower in New York.

These results demonstrate that vaccination protects against COVID-19 and related hospitalization, and that surviving a previous infection protects against a reinfection and related hospitalization,” the CDC determined.”

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Final Thought - \* We will “Follow the Science” ... whether the results work for ... or against us. But sometimes the results take a while and the scientific conclusions will change based on new information and study results.