

Unit Directors/Instructors,

Being aware of the current Covid-19 ever changing situation, the safety of our units, spectators, staff, and hosts are our utmost priority,

NTCA will proceed with the following Covid-19 Protocol measures until further notice:

- NTCA will follow all mask and/or social distancing mandates for each school hosting an NTCA event throughout the 2022 season. These notices will be in the Directors Information on each event and also communicated out to the membership via various means including email, SMS, and social media. **IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL UNIT DIRECTORS/INSTRUCTORS TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION TO PARENTS.** It is possible the week leading up to a contest that a host site will have additional requirements, and these will also be communicated. Your understanding of this fluid situation is always appreciated.
- NTCA Staff members will wear masks at all times in the event venue. We ask that any director, staff member, volunteer or spectator who needs to approach the contest staff/ sound table for any reason be masked.
- Contest schedules for Week 1, 2, & 3 have been adjusted to include retreat following every class or round in most cases. Retreats will happen immediately after the final group in a particular round, and captains only will come directly down to the floor to be socially distanced and lined up for retreat. Students can currently be seated on the backside to watch other performances.
- For the first three weeks of the 2022 season, there will be **NO CRITIQUE** at guard contests to allow for the additional retreat scheduling.
- The Covid 19 protocol will be reevaluated on/before the Week 3 contests to conclude if additional measures are necessary or if we are able to continue with a more traditional contest schedule going forward.
- We ask **ALL** units arrive to the competition site in uniform as possible to reduce the crowding potential in dressing areas.
- All groups should have a plan in place in case a mask mandate becomes necessary or is required from various host schools.

We appreciate your understanding of the measures being implemented for the safety of all participants in the 2022 season including performers, staff, spectators, directors and volunteers. We hope these protocols are only temporary, however, we will proceed with the season with every effort to allow units the opportunity to participate safely.