



March 2020 Hot Flash

Occasional updates and important news from our President



Coronavirus Caution

As y'all know, the Coronavirus outbreak is a fast-evolving public health issue affecting many parts of the US including Atlanta. While Hotlanta Squares does not currently plan to modify or cease our normal weekly routines, the Board will continue to monitor this situation and if we need to modify our schedule, we will notify you.

In the meantime, there are precautions we can all exercise to help not spread the coronavirus and other germs. I am asking everyone to follow these guidelines when coming to Monday and Tuesday classes (either as a

student, angel or instructor) as well as any other event we may host in the near future.

And many thanks to *DC Lambdas Squares*, the original inspiration for these guidelines. Ok, from whom I shamelessly stole the bulk of this content...but it's good stuff.

- Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water before coming into the dance hall. Both restrooms have soap and water. It would only take a few minutes if you step into a restroom and wash your hands before joining everyone else.
- Use hand-sanitizer before and after each tip. Hotlanta provides hand-sanitizer at all of our functions - please use it.
- Hold off on the yellow rocks; we can hug it out later. Right now, *not* sharing is caring.
- Similarly, let's modify how we thank our square. Instead of the crossed-hands thank you, let's use the convention/fly-in version of putting one hand into the center and say thank you.
- If you feel a sneeze or a cough coming on, please step away from others, food, etc. and sneeze/cough into your sleeve, a handkerchief, napkin, tissue, etc. and wash your hands, especially if using your hand to cover your sneeze or cough, immediately after.
- Use utensils or a napkin when serving yourself snacks and clearly mark your drinking cup, bottle, etc.
- If you are feeling under the weather please stay home. If you just finished having a cold or the flu, give it another week before coming to class or dance. If you have family members with a weakened immune system, stay home. If you are risk averse or at all worried about the level of risk inherent in close-proximity dancing, stay home. While we will miss you, we don't want to take the chance to make you or others sick or add additional stress during this health crisis.

Yellow Rocks (which are perfectly safe in the virtual domain),

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