

Southern New Mexico Music & Dance Society



Southern New Mexico Music and Dance ~ SNMMD

CANCELLED! March and April Contra Dances are cancelled!

To dancers, band members and interested people,

In the interest of safety for all from the COVID-19 corona virus, we are sorry to say that our normally **scheduled dances Friday March 20 and April 17 will need to be cancelled.**

The May 15 dance will probably be cancelled as well but we will notify you otherwise should conditions change.

The dances are being cancelled because:

- (1) The danger to our dancers, band members, and participants. The physical nature of a contra dance puts everyone at risk. The dance is open to anyone and we have no way to control who shows up or how many.
- (2) According to the World Health Organization (WHO), COVID-19 is a controllable pandemic. If we work together as a nation to slow the transmission, our health system will be able to manage the virus and provide adequate care for those who are ill.
- (3) The national Country Dance and Song Society (CDSS), of which we are an affiliate, is recommending that in-person participatory art events originally scheduled through the end of April be suspended or cancelled.
- (4) The normal concern due to the threat of the virus may cause a reduction in attendees to the point of not being able to hold the dance anyway.

Hopefully we will be able to dance again in May. If not, we will start up again in August with a big celebration dance. Thanks to all of you for your support throughout the years (over 35 now) for us and the Southern New Mexico Music and Dance Society (SNMMDS) contra dance group.

You can check back on our website www.snmmds.org under “Current Events” for future updates and we will also keep you informed by email as well. In the meantime, stay healthy and “keep moving”. We look forward to the next time we can dance and play music together.

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Organizers for SNMMDS