PCA's SCC 2027 Public Health Policy

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At the time of writing of this policy (November 2026), COVID-19 cases in Clark County are holding steady with wastewater surveillance indicating medium levels and related hospitalizations low. Cases around the U.S. are currently growing or likely growing in 33 states, and a typical winter peak is expected in late December or January following holiday travel and socialization. The influenza season started strong early this year with a dominant H1N1 mutant, but while hospitalizations are currently high - particularly in the South and West, the projected outlook is moderate overall, expected to be comparable to last year. Hospitalizations are low except for a couple of pockets in the south. Measles tracking in Las Vegas is challenging since cases of travelers are not reported as belonging to the region, but recent passage of visitors known to have measles have not prompted local transmission in Vegas. Nationally, however, measles activity in the U.S. is the highest it has been in decades, with surges in nearby regions. RSV rates are currently low, but picking up in some regions. Poliovirus has not had any recent cases in the U.S. but has picked up internationally in recent months and years. **Vaccination plays a key role in reducing hospitalization burden and critical outcomes for all of these illnesses**. Based on the available guidelines published by the United States Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO), the PCA Sin City Classic (SCC) 2027 Policy is summarized as follows:

VACCINES AND BOOSTERS	MASKS	TESTS	MEDICAL INSURANCE
Not required **Strongly recommended** for: • Measles • Poliovirus (Polio) • COVID-19 • Influenza • Others e.g. RSV, Mpox, routine vaccinations (defer to your medical practitioner to know if you or your community may be at high risk)	**Required** under the following circumstances: • Within 5 days after return from isolation due to COVID-19 or other respiratory illness • Within 5 days of an exposure in the home • Upon development of new symptoms • If visiting a health facility for PCA purposes (not planned) **Strongly recommended** in mass transit	Not required **Strongly recommended** for: • Follow-up from exposure prior to travel • Follow-up from exposure while in Las Vegas • Development of new symptoms	Not required **Strongly recommended** to have coverage for: • Doctor and hospital visits • Prescription medications • Emergency treatments • Emergency medical evacuations This may be through primary health insurance or a travel policy

You may not participate for AT LEAST one full day after positive COVID-19 or other transmissible respiratory illness test or related symptom onset and within 24 hours of being fever-free without medication.

You may not participate for AT LEAST 4 days after onset of Measles rash.

You may not participate for AT LEAST 21 days after your latest Measles exposure if you are not immune.

You may not participate for AT LEAST 21 days after a Polio diagnosis and must provide a doctor's note.

DO NOT get on a flight if you are in quarantine or isolation for any illness unless it is a medical necessity.

PLEASE NOTE: PCA may change this policy at any time in response to changing guidance, approvals, local conditions, or other relevant criteria, as deemed in the best interest of the organization, its members, the entire SCC community, and the broader communities we serve. Should requirements change, all efforts will be made to provide sufficient notice of changing requirements, ample time to fulfill the new requirements, and assistance to help all participants understand their options and act accordingly.

We sincerely appreciate your consideration and cooperation in making this a safe AND cheerful event for all! **Please read the full policy text described below.**

In order to participate, PCA will require all of its participants and volunteers at any/all PCA activities adhere to the following guidelines:

VACCINES AND BOOSTERS are not required for PCA participation but are **strongly** encouraged for Measles, Polio, COVID-19, Influenza, and other common illnesses. Measles can stay in a room for up to two hours after an infectious person was in it and vaccination is over 97% effective at preventing Measles when both doses are received. Poliovirus is very infectious and can spread through contact with the stool and/or respiratory droplets from an infected person sneezing or coughing. Keeping up-to-date with vaccines and boosters can protect yourself from severe outcomes and your community by reducing transmission. Please speak with your medical practitioner for health guidance involving vaccines or medical prophylactics for other illnesses. U.S. Center for Disease Control (CDC) vaccine resources can be found here. *While the above illnesses are the most likely to impact SCC based on conditions at the time of writing, please check out public health resources for guidance on exposure to/illness of ebola, hantavirus, dengue, or others, and always seek health from a medical professional in diagnosing and caring for yourself and those closest to you.*

MASKS are welcomed at any time but will not be required except in the following circumstances:

1. You are within 5 days of returning from isolation due to a positive COVID-19 or other respiratory illness diagnosis - PCA **strongly** suggests you not fly or attend if you are in this category, for your own health and the health of others. You are expected to, at minimum, follow the CDC guidelines for Preventing Spread of Respiratory Illness when You're Sick and wear a mask at all PCA-sponsored events between your return from isolation and 5 full days thereafter. **You may not participate for AT LEAST one full day after positive COVID-19 test or symptom onset and within 24 hours of being fever-free without medication.**
2. You develop symptoms while in Las Vegas - PCA **strongly** suggests you take a COVID-19/flu test promptly if you develop respiratory symptoms consistent with COVID-19, influenza, or other common illness. If you think you have Measles or Polio, you should contact a healthcare provider in advance so they can safely prepare to evaluate you upon your arrival at their facility. With or without testing, you will attest to monitor your own health (as described below) such that if you develop symptoms that are atypical of your personal biology (e.g. a persistent cough), you will agree to wear a mask to prevent spread of whatever is causing your symptoms at official PCA events. Common symptoms of COVID-19 can be found here. Common symptoms of measles can be found here and polio here.
3. You are within 5 days of an exposure to an illness with respiratory symptoms in your home - you will also attest (as described below) that you are either not aware of any exposures in the home within the last five days at the time of your travel OR that, if you have been exposed in the home, you will wear a mask through day five at all official PCA-events. If no symptoms develop, you are **strongly** encouraged but not required to test to confirm absence of illness and you may continue to participate without mask after day 5. If symptoms develop, you are **strongly** encouraged to test or isolate until you can obtain a test and will otherwise agree to mask at official PCA events.
4. You are visiting a health facility as part of an official PCA event - To keep health and care facilities safe and accessible for those who may be high-risk in these spaces, PCA participants will be required to mask at designated events (i.e. beneficiary-related clinic, office, etc.). **No events of this kind are currently planned. Hired buses will only require masking if their policy requires it.**

In the event you are required to wear a mask, a minimum of 2-ply surgical mask is required. N95, KN95, KF94, or other higher quality masks are recommended. **Cloth masks are not allowed.**

TESTS for COVID-19 or other pathogens are not required at any time, but are **strongly** recommended prior to travel to inform your attestations. Additionally, tests are **strongly** recommended when:

1. Measles is causing a lot of illness in your community or in Vegas and you are not immune.
2. Polio is causing a lot of illness in your community or in Vegas and you are not immune.
3. Respiratory viruses are causing a lot of illness in your community or in Vegas.
4. You or those around you were recently exposed, are sick, or are recovering. Examples -
    1. You develop any symptoms while in Las Vegas
    2. You isolated for more than 24 hours following a diagnosis and your symptoms improving, but your symptoms begin to become more intense again
    3. A stunt partner or roommate develops symptoms or tests positive while in Las Vegas
5. You or the people around you have risk factors for severe illness.

Current CDC recommendations on testing for common transmissible illnesses with respiratory symptoms can be found here. Please note Measles and Polio can only be confirmed in a medical/laboratory setting and you should call ahead so the facility can plan to protect others upon your arrival.

IF YOU ARE OR RECENTLY HAVE BEEN ILL

- **You may not participate:**
    - **For AT LEAST 21 days after your latest Measles exposure if you are not immune.**
    - **For AT LEAST 4 days after onset of Measles rash.**
    - **For AT LEAST 21 days after a Polio diagnosis and must provide a doctor's note.**
    - **For AT LEAST one full day after positive COVID-19 or other respiratory illness test or symptom onset and within 24 hours of being fever-free without medication.**
- **You should not fly:**
    - **If you are actively sick. If you get sick within five days of your planned trips to or from Vegas, refer to your medical practitioner and/or CDC guidelines.**
    - **If you are in an isolation period for any illness.**
    - **If you are in quarantine for Measles exposure because you are not immune or in quarantine for any other critical exposure.**
- **Consider limiting participation:**
    - **If it has been AT LEAST one full day after a positive COVID-19 test or respiratory illness symptom onset AND symptoms are improving AND you have been fever-free for AT LEAST 24 hours without medication, you are encouraged to rest. You may, however, follow the CDC guidelines for leaving isolation, masking continuously for 5 days following your return from isolation. You are expected to return to isolation if your symptoms return or get worse.**
    - **If you are ill with something other than COVID-19 or respiratory illness and are actively experiencing symptoms or fatigue, you are strongly recommended to isolate and rest, but may participate and will be required to mask as indicated in your attestations.**
    - **If you have recently been ill with something other than COVID-19 and your symptoms have resolved, defer to your medical practitioner for best practices.**

MEDICATIONS will not be required nor monitored by PCA. Additional substance guidelines are as follows:

- **While you are performing your sport with PCA (**whether it is stunting or dancing, whether it is in logo-bearing gear or not) or accompanying those performing the sport with PCA (e.g, spotting a stunt, holding a bucket, riding on the bus) **you will not smoke, drink, or otherwise be under the influence of alcohol or any type of judgment altering drugs, legal or illegal, outside of a safe and reasonable dose and/or medically-supported use.**
- While otherwise representing PCA in non-sport-performing capacity (e.g., attending a conference, dinner or meeting with a partner org as an authorized representative of PCA), drinking alcohol in any non-uniform PCA clothing (e.g., a PCA fundraiser shirt) is permitted by PCA as long as the individual remains socially responsible and represents the organization in the best possible manner.
- **Drinking alcohol while in PCA uniform is never permitted.**
- **Performance-enhancing drugs used solely for the purpose of enhancing performance are not permitted. Safe and reasonable doses of such drugs used for non-performance-enhancing, medically prescribed and necessary indications will not exclude any participant.**
- Please note that your PCA affiliated member team may have some stricter policies about anything you do in your team logo, please consult with your artistic, administrative, or coaches/captains for clarification.
- Recreational drug use is not uncommon at events of this scale. Narcan is a nasal spray that works as an opioid antagonist to bind to brain cells and restore breathing function in overdoses from heroin, fentanyl, or other opioids. Narcan is an over-the-counter drug and can be given safely even if opioids are not present. Please consider learning about Narcan in advance or taking a training so you may be able to assist in the event you observe or suspect an overdose.

MEDICAL INSURANCE is **strongly recommended**, whether your primary medical insurance or a specific travel plan purchased for this trip:

- If you have active health insurance, please check your policy to ensure you understand what services may or may not be covered in Vegas (or on other legs of your travel).
- If you do not have active health insurance or your health insurance has limitations on services outside your home area, please consider looking for a plan to cover you while at traveling. Ideally, you want a plan that covers doctor and hospital visits, prescription medications, emergency treatments, and emergency medical evacuations.
- PCA does not endorse or recommend any specific agent or company for insurance - you are responsible for any insurance agreements you enter into with the broker. Please refer to each broker, plan terms, and expert agent to ensure you understand your obligations before purchasing.

ATTESTATIONS to the following will be required as part of your registration:

- In the 24 hours prior to my travel to SCC 2027, I have not tested positive for COVID-19 or other illness, nor have I been instructed to quarantine or isolate due to concern of such exposure or illness. **I understand that I may not participate with PCA for AT LEAST one full day after positive COVID-19 test or symptom onset and within 24 hours of being fever-free without medication and that I must mask continuously for five days following return from isolation.**
- In the 21 days prior to my travel to SCC 2027, I have not been exposed to Measles or I am immune (by vaccination or confirmation of previous diagnosis).
- In the four days prior to my travel to SCC 2027, I have not experienced a Measles rash.

- In the 21 days prior to my travel to SCC 2027, I have not been diagnosed with poliovirus. **I understand that I have to provide a doctor's note to clear participation following any recent polio diagnosis.**
- In the 24 hours prior to my travel to SCC 2027, I have not experienced any symptoms of transmissible respiratory illness OR I will agree to wear a mask for five full days from symptom onset.
- In the 24 hours prior to my travel to SCC 2027, I have **EITHER** not been exposed to anyone in my home who has tested positive for or been exposed to COVID-19 or other respiratory illness **OR** have been exposed in the home and will wear a mask for five days following the last exposure.
- I will conduct a self health-check for common symptoms of transmissible illness each day that I am participating with PCA at SCC 2027. If I develop symptoms of COVID-19 or other transmissible illness while at SCC 2027, I agree to wear a mask for five full days from symptom onset. If I develop symptoms of Measles and am not immune or Polio, I will promptly seek healthcare confirmation.
- If I receive a positive Measles diagnosis while at SCC 2027, I agree to follow the CDC's recommendations for isolation and immediately refrain from PCA participation for AT LEAST four full days, after the rash appears.
- If I receive a positive Polio diagnosis while at SCC 2027, I agree to follow the CDC's recommendations for isolation and immediately refrain from PCA participation for the duration of the event.
- If I receive a positive COVID-19 or other transmissible illness diagnosis while at SCC 2027, I agree to follow the CDC's recommendations for isolation and immediately refrain from PCA participation for AT LEAST one full day, until symptoms are improving, and I have been fever-free for AT LEAST 24 hours without medication.
- I understand that I am encouraged to share my results with those who may be impacted and/or PCA Leadership to help others manage their risk, with my consent. To inform PCA, I will contact event Planned Preparedness Lead Valerie, liaison@pridecheerleading.org, and PCA President Hayley, president@pridecheerleading.org.
- I agree to wear a mask when visiting a designated facility as part of any official PCA events.
- If I am required to wear a mask per conditions stated in the above policy, I agree to wear a minimum of 2-ply surgical mask and I understand that cloth masks are not allowed.
- I will not smoke, drink, or otherwise be under the influence of alcohol or any type of judgment altering drugs, legal or illegal, outside of a safe and reasonable dose and/or medically-supported use.
- I will not take performance-enhancing drugs solely for the purpose of enhancing performance.
- I acknowledge that my team or organizational leadership may have requirements above and beyond PCA's policy and agree to act accordingly.
- I acknowledge that medical insurance is highly recommended.
- I acknowledge that participants may pick their own mitigations and will support their choices.
- I acknowledge that PCA has the right to change these policies at any time in the best interest of the organization, event, participants, and the broader communities we serve.
- **I certify that the information provided in this form is true and accurate. I understand that knowingly providing false information regarding my health and/or exposures may render me ineligible to participate in this or future PCA events.**

PCA will not:

- **Monitor exposures.** We ask participants to be honest and transparent about their health, thereby providing the best information for others to assess any impacts to their health by those who develop symptoms or have positive test results while at the event.
    - If you develop symptoms for Measles and are not immune, or if you test positive for Measles during the event, **you are encouraged to share your test results with those who stand to be most impacted**

and/or PCA Leadership to help others manage their risk, with consent. To inform PCA Leadership, please contact event Planned Preparedness Lead Valerie, liaison@pridecheerleading.org, and PCA President Hayley, president@pridecheerleading.org.

- If you develop symptoms for Polio, or if you test positive for Polio during the event, **you are encouraged to share your test results with those who stand to be most impacted** and/or PCA Leadership to help others manage their risk, with consent. To inform PCA Leadership, please contact event Planned Preparedness Lead Valerie, liaison@pridecheerleading.org, and PCA President Hayley, president@pridecheerleading.org.
- If you develop symptoms or test positive for COVID-19 or other transmissible illness during the event, **you are encouraged to share your test results with those who stand to be most impacted** and/or PCA Leadership to help others manage their risk, with consent. To inform PCA Leadership, please contact event Planned Preparedness Lead Valerie, liaison@pridecheerleading.org, and PCA President Hayley, president@pridecheerleading.org.
- If you test positive for Measles, Polio, COVID-19, or any other transmissible illness within a few weeks following the event, we **encourage** you to notify event Planned Preparedness Lead Valerie, liaison@pridecheerleading.org, and PCA President Hayley, president@pridecheerleading.org. The PCA Board will help you notify individuals at elevated risk of exposure based on your participation OR issue a notification to all PCA participants, protecting your anonymity if you prefer.

- **Monitor mask wearing or other mitigations outside of PCA time.** While PCA encourages all its volunteers to comply with all local and national regulations and follow public health recommendations based on conditions at the time of the event, PCA will not monitor or control mitigation strategies used by its members outside of official PCA events. Moreover, PCA will not make any decisions about participant eligibility for official events based on mitigations used or not used during non-PCA time. We encourage all volunteers to talk openly with their stunt partners and roommates about comfort levels and risk tolerance **prior to** the event to set realistic expectations and goals.