

Preamble

The Province of Ontario and The City of Toronto will be allowing indoor functions in the near future albeit with capacity restrictions and protocols and always dependent on the lack of setbacks in the fight against Covid-19. The Duke Ellington Society, Toronto Chapter (TDES) hopes to restart our meetings when we feel that members and guests will be safe and numbers sufficient to warrant the rental cost. We need your guidance in preparing for our re-opening. Your responses to this questionnaire do not represent commitment. However, your answers will guide your executive committee in deciding when to reopen our society's activities.

Attendance for Monthly Meetings

1. Do you intend to renew your membership in TDES when the time comes? If you'd like to share your reasons for not continuing it would be a great help to us.

All but three responded Yes to this question. Several people said that they will not renew their membership either due to deteriorating health or geography.

2. Do you plan to attend monthly meetings, as in the past, within municipal and Provincial guidelines regarding vaccination, social distancing, masks and attendance numbers?

Most said Yes. There were four Noes

3. Assuming that the Ontario government does not mandate vaccination passports for indoor events, would you attend meetings without TDES screening participating members for proof they have had two vaccinations?

This question proved most problematic. Of those that responded there were 23 no, 8 yes and several maybes. Many people said that proof of double vaccinations should be required to attend meetings

4. If you would not attend meetings, at least initially, would you be willing to pay annual membership fees to keep TDES financially viable?

Essentially all Yes but a few Not Applicable since they were committed to continue their memberships regardless

Meeting Issues Outside of Covid 19 Considerations:

5. Would you be more willing to attend meetings if we held them in the afternoon rather than 7:30 p.m.?

17 Yes, 10 No, 7 maybe or no preference.

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