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### HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOL UPDATE | VIDEO SCRIPT | JUNE 28, 2022

Hello, Sweet Adelines.

As we prepare for a long-awaited return to International in-person events, I am here to share an update on health and safety protocols for our upcoming 2022 International Convention and Competition in Phoenix, Arizona.

The well-being of Sweet Adelines members, guests, and workers is – and has always been – our top priority as we return to in-person events. We continue to closely monitor recommendations and data from international and local health organizations.

At the most recent meeting of the International Board of Directors, we came to a decision to revise health and safety protocols for international events, beginning with our 2022 Convention and Competition in Phoenix this September 12-17.

Attendees will now be permitted into the convention with proof of vaccination indicating they are fully vaccinated OR by providing proof of a negative Rapid, Molecular, PCR, or Antigen COVID-19 test taken within 72 hours prior to Sept. 11, 2022. An attendee will be considered fully vaccinated two weeks after their second dose in a two-dose vaccine series such as Pfizer and Moderna or two weeks after a single dose vaccine such as Johnson & Johnson.

A third-party company will be collecting and approving all vaccination and negative test documentation via a secure web portal prior to individuals being allowed into the competition hall and education classes. For the convenience of our attendees, on-site testing will be available at a cost. More details and instructions regarding the submission of documentation and on-site testing will be emailed to all registered attendees and posted to the SA website after pre-registration closes in July.

Sweet Adelines International has adopted a “Stay Well” policy for this year’s convention and competition, which includes the stipulation that if you feel sick or are experiencing COVID-like symptoms prior to traveling to or while onsite in Phoenix, you will reconsider your participation at the event in an effort to keep our singers, family, and friends as safe as possible.

The city of Phoenix does not have an indoor mask mandate and the Center for Disease Control has released new guidance regarding COVID-19 Community Levels. As a result, masks will not be mandated in indoor settings, including the Phoenix Convention Center and the Sweet Adelines International official hotels.



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Given the number of individuals and competitors coming from around the world, we strongly encourage participants to wear recommended masks – KN95, N95, or surgical masks – throughout the event. Wearing a mask at the convention and competition is a personal choice, and we ask that everyone make their choice responsibly.

We also ask that participants be aware of and honor the requests of others to mask up and/or maintain physical distancing. Badge stickers will be available on-site in an effort for each individual to communicate to others their comfort level in regards to social distancing.

We know you will have questions about the specifics of these new protocols. You can find Frequently Asked Questions on the Sweet Adelines International website.

Throughout the pandemic, we have deeply appreciated your patience as we navigate changing conditions to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Sweet Adelines around the world have kept committed and engaged for two years, preparing for a return to International Events. We all look forward to wonderful performances and reunions with our beloved barbershop friends. Thank you.

