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### **MerMagic Con Announcement Regarding COVID-19**

(MANASSAS, Va, August 15, 2021) – Providing a convention while prioritizing safety and protecting attendees and staff from risks connected to COVID-19 is no small feat. Minimizing the risks connected to COVID-19 required the participation of all attendees and staff, and we appreciate each and every one of you who did your part to keep yourself and the community safe. We are proud to report that of MerMagic Con’s 400+ attendees, over 90% provided proof of being fully vaccinated and many fully-vaccinated attendees continued to wear masks whenever possible.

MerMagic Con staff followed strict protocols before, during, and after convention hours—every staff member was fully vaccinated prior to the start of MerMagic Con.

On August 15th, 2021 MerMagic Con staff received a report of an attendee having testing positive for COVID-19 sometime after having attended the convention. It is unknown as to whether this attendee acquired COVID-19 at the convention. Regardless, we encourage everyone to get a COVID-19 test to protect the community and help stop the spread.

If you have reason to believe an attendee of the convention knowingly violated MerMagic Con’s safety protocols, please contact us at [mermagiccon@gmail.com](mailto:mermagiccon@gmail.com). Please reach out to the contact listed so we can take post-convention steps to protect the community. Please note that if you contact MerMagic Con staff regarding COVID-19 concerns, your privacy will be protected to the fullest extent. We will be consulting with the two certified COVID-19 safety compliance officers on staff and will be following up with speakers, vendors, and attendees as necessary.

We continue to encourage everyone who attended MerMagic Con to follow the Centers for Disease Control’s COVID-19 precautions regarding large group events and travel, including getting tested and following isolation/quarantine recommendations.

MerMagic Con is thrilled to welcome merfolk of all backgrounds, experience levels, and ages, as well as mermaids-at-heart and those new to the community. MerMagic Con is equally committed to the health and wellness of venue and convention staff, volunteers, and attendees. Please see the COVID-19 policies page for frequently asked questions related to the convention in the wake of the coronavirus.

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