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Fast forward to today, It has been a great pleasure being a part of the safer return of swing dancing in New York City.

In the summer of 2020, I started holding outdoor dance socials and classes in Central Park with a dedicated-partner-and-masks model. Since then, safer practices have been successful in bringing back swing dancing in NYC.

Restrictions have eased and people have enjoyed more freedoms. In reestablishing dance guidelines with my now former partner, we had a dire disagreement about what rules and behaviors were safe surrounding the return of social dancing.

Since the pandemic began, I had noticed that my former partner did not follow basic COVID protocols (mask and social distancing) with regard to his own teaching and dancing and daily behaviors.

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First, I let him know about his objectionable behavior and how it differs from the general public, and asked him if he would change his mind and or possibly get vaccinated himself. I was met with great resistance. In a last ditch effort, I let him know that if he were to become vaccinated, discussions would be open to work together. I have not heard back from Paolo other than his comment back that I had written "an opinion article". Then he sent out the subsequent email in which he described his "victim" situation. I really have nothing to offer his viewpoints except disbelief and shock.

Looking forward, I am going to produce dance classes and events of the highest quality that I believe are safer, and with basic guidelines which will see us through to where dancing will be as free as it once was.

As for my former partner, I wish him well. Everything I have stated here I believe to be true, and all of Paolo's anti-VAX, anti-science, Government PLAN-demic postings on his Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/paolo.pastal1>, and other media accounts <https://paoloswings.com/blog/category/lindyfit/> etc, are still there as he is proud of them.

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I will continue to promote the joy of Lindy Hop and swing jazz safely to the world as if my life depended on it.

Until then I wish you only the safest times, and I look forward to seeing you soon (so get your boosters!)

Truly yours,
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