How NYC strip clubs are handling the coronavirus outbreak

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The dancing may be dirty — but New York strip clubs are keeping it clean during the coronavirus outbreak.

Local pole palaces are doing just fine amid mounting fears over COVID-19, by making it rain hand sanitizer and monitoring strippers' possible exposure to the deadly coronavirus.

FlashDancers NYC, which has locations in Times Square and Tribeca, is conducting "thorough deep cleans twice a day between each shift," a manager named Bob K., who declined to give his last name, tells The Post.

Strippers "are also wearing face masks," says the FlashDancers manager, "but I think they were joking around."

Still, panic over being exposed in crowded spaces has seriously stalled the stock market and airlines around the globe, spurring widespread quarantines and event cancellations, as well as slashed ticket prices on Broadway.

But staffers say the buck-tucking biz hasn't been hurt by the coronavirus, which had at least 167 confirmed cases in New York on Tuesday afternoon.

"Our business has actually spiked due to more locals coming out and less tourists in the neighborhood," says Bob, adding that the jiggle joint has plenty of hand sanitizer available for customers.

Vivid Cabaret in Midtown also has "hand sanitizer stations around the club" and is "taking precautions with dancers going in and out," according to a manager named Luke, who declined to give his last name to The Post.

Luke says the club is actively monitoring dancers' health, keeping track if they travel to affected areas or come in contact with others confirmed to have coronavirus.

The lucrative lap-dance hustle, however, is about the same as usual, Vivid Cabaret's manager adds, though the club is bracing for a change in foot traffic during the "busy season" for the 2020 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament.

A Tampa, Florida, strip club, Deja Vu Showgirls, is reportedly giving out 10,000 free face masks to customers, while Las Vegas' Little Darlings is distributing 50,000 bottles of hand sanitizer for free to paying customers, reports TMZ. Meanwhile, Larry Flynt's Hustler Club in Las Vegas released a kinky PSA urging people to wash their hands.

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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends using hand sanitizers with at least 60% alcohol and ensuring the correct amount of gel is applied. However, sanitizer should only be used in situations where soap and water, the ultimate germ fighter, isn't readily available.

"Soap and water are more effective than hand sanitizers at removing certain kinds of germs," the agency says.



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So far, the coronavirus has spread to more than 750 people in the US and has caused at least 28 deaths.

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