

Area 43 Suggestions on Group Reopening

Getting Started

It is important to have a group conscience meeting in advance to plan how reopening a meeting is to happen in a safe and spiritual way.

Groups are encouraged to meet virtually while creating their reopening plan.

Here are some suggestions to help groups consider important topics to guide them.

Please read the message from our Area 43 Chairperson:

<https://nhaa.net/statement-on-covid-19-from-the-area-43-chair>

Government Requirements: Federal/State/City

- Is the group aware of government requirements that impact/restrict resuming the meeting? Link: <https://www.governor.nh.gov/news-and-media/covid-19-emergency-orders-2020> (For example: masks, social distancing, meeting size limits)
- How will the group respond if requested to cooperate with local health department contact tracing efforts? Please be advised that your contact information may be requested by the health department.
(For example: The group secretary could read at the beginning of the meeting to make sure we have first name, last initial and phone # to contact if a member becomes ill.)

Landlords

- Is the Landlord ready to have your meeting return?
- Does the Landlord request any restrictions (over and above Federal, State, Local government public health authorities) for the group to return?

Group Accommodations in Action

- How will the group accommodate the Landlord and government requirements?
- Is the group prepared to turn people away (or a member ready to leave) if their attendance violates any new meeting requirements?
(For example: Before the meeting even starts have one individual volunteer chat with uncooperative person.)
- How will the group try to assure cooperation when participants do not want to follow requirements?
(For example: revising the meeting format to include safety measures at the beginning of the meeting.)
- Link: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/reopen-guidance.html>
- Has the group considered not reopening until such time as it can meet unrestricted?

Suggested Group “To Do” List

- What supplies (masks or disinfectant) will the group need to provide to support the meeting?
- How will the group social distance?
- What common surfaces will the group need to disinfect before and/or after the meeting?
- How will your group deal with sharing of books, basket or refreshments that relate to common handling? (Example: reopen as BYOB, bring your own book or discontinue refreshments, bring your own coffee, don't hold hands at end of meeting)
- When will the group reopen and how will that reopening be communicated locally?

Does the group know to connect with the district and area registrars? Registrar@nhaa.net

Group Reopening

- Does the group have access to additional space to handle any meeting overflow?
- Does the group have an email/phone list of attendees to alert people if anyone becomes sick?
- If a group has a greeter, will their role change? (Greeter take care of attendee contact information if decided)
- How can group members support new responsibilities related to resuming the meeting? (For example: Now having a cleaning person)
- If a group has been meeting via Zoom/virtual platform, will that continue in any form after the group reopens?

7th Tradition Considerations

- Has the group continued to pay rent for its meeting space even though they are not physically meeting?
- Should the group seek forgiveness for rent due, or a refund for rent paid, for the time it could not meet?
- If the group embraced an electronic channel for receiving contributions (Pay Pal, Venmo, Zelle) should it maintain that channel once it is meeting again?