
COUNTIES/DISTRICTS UNDER LOCKDOWN/STAY AT HOME MANDATE & INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

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Greetings Fellow Trudgers:

Before I move onto the International Convention, I have been receiving communication from folks concerned about groups still meeting in person. Many may believe this to be an outside issue, but the reality is COVID-19 has affected AA in a universal way. Please understand that I rarely comment on group life, and as always I am NOT telling you what to do, but I hope you seriously consider the issues below.

While each group is autonomous--the decision to meet and perhaps infect other members does affect our fellowship as a whole. At present, 5 counties in Area 60 on a **Lockdown/Shelter In Mandate** (this is different than the prior suggestion from the Governor). Those counties, are Allegheny, Butler, Erie, and Westmoreland, and I understand Washington has just been added to the list, although I have not been able to verify that. All AA's no matter where you live should please, please, carefully consider the risks of meeting, even outdoors.

For counties/district under Mandate, Our Program is suggestive only, however the mandate makes no allowances for any size group to meet anywhere. We all know, we are NOT above the law. We would also not want anyone pointing a finger at AA as COVID-19 continues to spread.

This is an unprecedented time, but there is also a wealth of opportunity to connect with AA's all over the United States and the rest of the world and protect our most vulnerable members--of which there are many. There are ample meetings popping up all over the place by phone and internet (you may rest assured--and through my own experience online, as well as many others--newcomers are finding us). Avail yourselves, help the alcoholic who still suffers, meet new people, and stay safe.

Check wpaarea60.org, pghaa.org, or aaeriepa.org for meeting updates and online and phone meetings. You may also check the AA Online Intergruop for a large list of phone and Internet meetings.

Have patience with me and our fellowship as we are all learning. Remember that love and tolerance is our code!

I care for each and everyone of you, and my hope is that somehow, some way all of Area 60 can come together at the end of this crisis safe and sound because we did our part! When that happens we can celebrate a huge victory together!

Next, please see attached a letter from our General Service Board Chair Michele Grinberg outlining the **cancellation of the International Convention** in Detroit. A link is included at the bottom of the letter to help you with cancellation of any arrangements you made through Alcoholics Anonymous.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

In love and service,
Your delegate,
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