



# COVID-19 Update

September 1, 2021

## Policy Guideline Update

Pennsylvania DeMolay Family,

In response to the latest COVID-19 Delta Variant news, increasing infection rates, multiple vaccine and booster options, and careful review of updated guidance from professionals and organizations alike, we continue to modify the Pennsylvania DeMolay COVID-19 Policies.

Effective immediately, the following directives from the Pennsylvania DeMolay Executive Officer's Leadership Team must be adhered to by all Advisory Councils, Chapters, and Manors:

**Masks**—Are again required for all indoor activities.

**Social Distancing**—Is required when indoors and encouraged when outdoors.

**Temperature Checks**—Everyone's temperature must be checked prior to indoor activities. Anyone with a fever or signs of sickness, should not attend ANY in-person functions.

**Food**—We encourage the use of pre-packaged food, and discourage any buffet-styled meals.

**Group Travel**—When transporting members and Advisors, only those of a single-family group are permitted to travel in each vehicle. We encourage parents to transport their children to all activities.

**Visitations/Programs**—Outside programs are now permitted at all meetings and the presentation of programs via visitation is also permitted. Travel is permitted between Chapters and Manors with consent of ALL participating parties. Mask wearing and social-distancing must be observed when indoors.

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**Sanitization**—We continue to encourage all current policies, which include limited sharing and touching of Chapter objects (i.e. gavels, pens, Holy Bible). When possible it is permitted and encouraged to pantomime any physical actions.

Please be mindful of any local or regional governing agencies' changing restrictions on gatherings and ensure those policies are being followed. It is very important to contact your meeting venue and make certain that you are following all requirements they may have instituted.

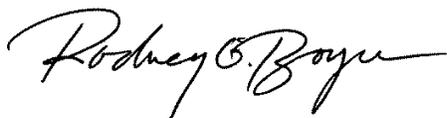
Unfortunately, the Masonic Conference Center—Patton Campus, remains closed for overnight accommodations. We continue to plan the two statewide outdoor picnics. The Western Picnic will be held on Saturday, October 16, at the Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center. The Eastern Picnic will be held on Saturday, October 23, at the Masonic Conference Center—Patton Campus.

These updates are effective as of September 1, 2021, and will continue until further notice. Should you—at any time—have any questions or concerns, please contact Mom Jeanine Larkin at [citrine59@verizon.net](mailto:citrine59@verizon.net), Dad David Berry at [dwberry@pademolay.net](mailto:dwberry@pademolay.net), or Dad Rodney Boyce at [rboyce@pademolay.net](mailto:rboyce@pademolay.net).

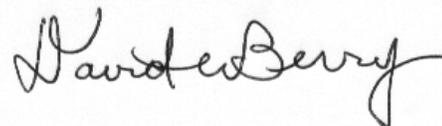
It is important to remember that your Chapter may continue to meet virtually or in a hybrid format. This plan for in-person meetings is only an option and is not required. Chapters may continue to hold virtual meetings, installations, and inductions.

In closing, we continue to be very proud of the manner in which Pennsylvania DeMolay, its members and Advisors, are conducting themselves during these changing times. Please redouble your efforts to keep DeMolay alive and well in Pennsylvania!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,



Dad Rodney E. Boyce  
Executive Officer



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Executive Secretary